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Hopes rise for emissaries

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Hopes for the release of eight Jews imprisoned in Argentina brightened yesterday with a promise from the Argentine Foreign Minister to act quickly on the matter.

The Foreign Minister, who returned yesterday from a visit to Paraguay told Israel's Ambassador to Argentina, Ram Niv-Gad, that his government would take "quick

action" and make a "maximum effort" to clear up the matter of the arrests.

The eight detainees are Yosef Pick, an emissary of the World Zionist Organization's Youth and Hechalutz Department, and his wife; Amnon Rudin, another emissary; Yitzhak Estrugo, a third emissary, and his wife; two local Jews working as counsellors in the department; and the sister of a secretary in the department.

Beirut pact signed but war goes on

BEIRUT. — Leftist and Christian private armies fought house-to-house battles here yesterday, undeterred by reports that Syria and the PLO had signed an agreement to end the war.

The agreement was announced by Libyan Premier Abdul Salam Jalloud, who has declared that a pact between these two sides could bring about the end of the 16-month civil war in Lebanon.

Details of the agreement were not yet known, but a joint communiqué was expected.

The Middle East News Agency said the agreement was a "serious affair meant to restore peace in Lebanon and to establish stable relations between the Lebanese and Palestinians and between the Syrians and Palestinians."

Before leaving, Jalloud conferred with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam and the PLO delegation leader, Faruk Kaddoumi. Jalloud called on all Lebanese and Palestinian parties in Lebanon to "work sincerely for the implementation of the agreement."

Spokesmen for the PLO-leftist alliance and right-wing Christians reported close-range combat in Beirut's downtown business centre, the Moslem slum of Nabaa, and the Christian middle-class quarter of Elin Rumanneh.

Christians said leftist forces, led by PLO officers, launched attacks on Elin Rumanneh and the business centre overnight to ease Christian pressure on Nabaa.

The Christians have been attacking Nabaa, the latest flashpoint in the 16-month civil war, for six days. Nabaa and nearby Tel el-Zaatar Palestinian refugee camp are the only leftist pockets remaining in the Christian half of Beirut.

"Nabaa has been virtually conquered. Civilians hosting white flags of surrender are being evacuated safely to the edge of the Moslem sector and dehard leftist

pockets of defence are being mopped up," a Christian radio station said.

Leftists claimed Nabaa fighters were holding out, and that PLO forces entering Elin Rumanneh captured two high-rise apartment buildings in floor-to-floor combat.

"Both buildings had been used for sniping that prevented our forces from advancing deeper into Elin Rumanneh to open a route for reinforcement to the besieged Tel el-Zaatar refugee camp," a communiqué said.

Another communiqué said Christian gunmen continued to shell Tel el-Zaatar, "clearly bent on preventing the International Red Cross from rescuing more than 1,000 wounded Palestinians from the camp."

Another effort by the Red Cross to evacuate the Tel el-Zaatar wounded was to have taken place yesterday, but collapsed when Christian military commanders told a Red Cross official they had received no orders to suspend their attacks on the camp.

In Geneva, the Red Cross accused "certain factions" of condemning hundreds of wounded to death in refusing to give a ceasefire guarantee to evacuate the injured. It said it had postponed the evacuation because it had not received minimal guarantees of security. Yet the Arab League envoy in Lebanon said three leading rightists had agreed in writing to a temporary ceasefire for the evacuation.

PLO-leftist spokesman also said Syrian troops and tanks, reinforced by two armoured brigades, had tightened the noose on two refugee camps on the northern and eastern fringes of Tripoli.

Like Tel el-Zaatar, the two Tripoli camps are strongholds of the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the most radical terrorist group. (UPI, AP)



Roof section of a building in Da Sha Lan, popular shopping lane in Peking, after its collapse in 1976. (UPI telephoto)

Tens of thousands believed dead in Chinese earthquake

PEKING. — China said yesterday that there was heavy loss of life in an earthquake which devastated Tangshan city on Wednesday. French survivors said that Tangshan, an industrial city of one million people 160 kms. east of Peking, was totally ruined.

Chinese authorities never disclose casualty figures from disasters. But observers in Peking said that tens of thousands of people might have been killed.

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, in an unusually frank statement distributed by the New China News Agency, said the earthquake "caused great losses to people's lives and property, and Tangshan city, in particular, suffered extremely serious damage and losses."

Maurice Monge, the head of a

French friendship delegation, was in Tangshan when the quake struck before dawn. He said there was hardly a building left standing in the city.

The hotel where 23 French visitors were staying collapsed. One girl member of the group was crushed to death.

The only other foreigners known to have been in Tangshan were nine Japanese technicians. One was killed, two were missing and feared dead, four were seriously injured and two were slightly hurt.

Monge, 60, led the French delegation in fighting their way out of the wreckage. "I cut my hand smashing through a glass door with tiles that fell from the ceiling," he said.

The 23 surviving members of the French group escaped with minor injuries. They were led barefoot in their night clothes across heaps of rubble which were all that remained of the city.

The survivors and the girl's body were flown to Peking in a special plane. Early today the group left for Shanghai — well away from the quake zone where minor aftershocks have continued.

Monge, a Parisian, said members of his group decided among themselves not to discuss deaths or injuries in Tangshan because it was "none of our business." He said there had been no pressure from Chinese authorities leading to the decision.

Observers in Peking said it appeared that only a relatively small portion of Tangshan's one million people could have escaped injury or death.

Tangshan, an important coal-mining city, was near the centre of the quake which, according to measurements by scientists abroad, was

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Peking waits for another heavy tremor

PEKING. — Authorities here expect a "comparatively heavy" earthquake in the next few hours, an official said yesterday.

Officials blowing whistles and shouting "earthquake, earthquake," tore foreigners' compounds rousing anyone indoors from their beds. "We are totally serious — get out," one said.

The city's six million people, camping along the edges of streets, moved out in an orderly way and sat in the centre of Peking's broad boulevards.

British diplomats sat in the middle of an embassy tennis court in their night clothes. (Reuters)

Andreotti to form minority Italian Gov't

ROME. — Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti announced yesterday he is forming a new minority government that would give the Communists unprecedented power in this NATO-member nation.

Andreotti's long-ruling Christian Democrats have approved his plans to rely on some form of support from the Communist Party. He counted on the Communists' abstention to pass the confidence test that any new government has to face in Parliament to rule.

Andreotti tried in vain to form a majority coalition in this country where no single party has a majority. The Communists' strong second-place showing in last month's elections led traditional partners of the Christian Democrats into a middle-of-the-road position between the two largest parties.

Andreotti's formula is not likely to please the U.S. and other Western nations on whose financial aid Italy relies to struggle through its worst economic crisis in three decades.

But the Christian Democrats said they saw no alternative but to "take into account the Communist strength. Since the elections, the Communists have taken over key posts in Parliament with their men

elected as president of the chamber and to crucial parliamentary commissions for the first time since Italy joined NATO.

The Communists dominate the municipal governments of all the largest cities in the industrial north and of Naples. They came out in largest party in municipal elections in Rome where the new mayor is to be elected in August.

The Christian Democrats, still the No. 1 party, made it clear that they would never take the Communists into the government. The church-backed party would bow out and leave the Premier's office to someone else rather than share cabinet posts with the Communists, they said.

Andreotti received the full backing of only two tiny parties and his Christian Democrats, for a total of 266 out of 630 seats in the chamber. Three other parties — the Socialists, the Republicans and the Democratic Socialists, with a total of 86 seats — were ready to abstain.

With all these abstentions, if the Communists were to vote against as they have done in all votes of confidence in the past 28 years, Andreotti would be doomed. The situation gives the Communists a virtual

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Keeping Dobrynin guessing

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Kissinger and Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz were casually discussing developments in Lebanon the other night at a State Department reception when Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin approached them and said: "I'd certainly like to know what you're talking about."

Kissinger, always quick with a response, replied: "I'll bet you would."

"I can guess," the Soviet envoy shot back.

Whereupon Kissinger ended the conversation with: "That's what I would prefer."

Dinitz and Dobrynin, who along with much of the diplomatic community here, were invited by Kissinger for the reception honoring former Under-Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, who has retired from the Department to take over as president of American University in Washington, D.C.

Because the Soviet Ambassador, who has met secretly with Dinitz on occasion to discuss relations between Moscow and Jerusalem, had interrupted Dinitz's conversation with Kissinger, the Secretary proposed that he meet at the end of this week with Dinitz for a more formal session.

Israel said satisfied on U.S.-PLO contacts

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel is apparently satisfied with the explanations received from the United States regarding the recent establishment of direct contacts between U.S. security officers in Beirut and the PLO and will not file an official protest, informed diplomatic sources disclosed yesterday.

But Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz can be expected to review this question in detail later this week when he meets with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Following extensive contacts between the State Department and the Israel Embassy here in Washington, the U.S. has assured Israel that the direct contacts with the PLO do not signify in any way a change in the overall U.S. opposition toward the organization. Israel has expressed its regret to the U.S. that the direct contacts were necessary, but has decided that an official protest would be overreacting and counter-productive.

The sources here said that the U.S. Embassy in Beirut found it necessary to establish direct contacts with the PLO on June 30 in order to guarantee the safety of U.S. personnel assigned there. The Embassy is in west Beirut, controlled by the PLO and Moslem leftists.

The State Department authorized the embassy to begin direct contacts with the PLO at the end of June if it was determined absolutely vital to the security of the Americans there.

Earlier, American officials in Beirut communicated with the PLO only through third-party intermediaries, such as the Lebanese Moslems or Arab governments. This was the case even during the June 23 naval evacuation from Beirut.

But U.S. envoy Talcott Seelye subsequently found it necessary to begin direct contacts on matters concerning security.

On July 6, informed sources here said, the embassy in Beirut informed the State Department that direct contact with the PLO had begun on June 30. Secretary Kissinger, during a telephone conversation on July 12, informed Ambassador Dinitz of this development.

Four days later, on July 16, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton provided Embassy Minister Hanan Bar-On with specific details of the contacts. But it was not until July 23 that the State Department finally acknowledged to the press that direct contact with the PLO had been established.

The Israel Government seems to have concluded that the United States, anxious to make certain that American lives are not endangered, especially during this election year, was forced into beginning relations with the PLO directly, and that it did not indicate a basic change in the U.S. position.

The State Department yesterday once again maintained that the U.S. (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

Esther Roth places sixth

Esther Roth, the only Israel athlete to reach an Olympic Games final, placed sixth in the women's 100 metres hurdles in Montreal yesterday. Her time equaled the new Israel national record she set in the semi-finals on Wednesday, 13.04 seconds.

The event was won by East German Johanna Schaller who was timed in 12.77, ahead of Tatiana Anisimova of the USSR by 1/100th

of a second. Natalia Lebedeva also of the USSR was third in 12.80.

The 23-year-old Miss Schaller had not even been considered East Germany's No. 1 woman hurdler, ranking behind Annette Ehrhardt, the 1972 Olympic champion and world record holder. But Miss Ehrhardt did not even make it to the final, and Miss Schaller proved she was not only No. 1 in her country, but also in the world.

The 1972 champion was eliminated after Games officials decided to rerun Wednesday's second semifinal because of a serious obstruction during the race to Valeria Stefanescu, of Romania.

They had earlier disqualified Miss Stefanescu, who became entangled with Russia's Liubov Kononova. But a viewing of the film record apparently showed that Miss Kononova was at fault.

Double for Cuban runner

Cuba's Alberto Juantorena made Olympic history by winning the men's 400-metres yesterday in 44.28 seconds, in addition to his victory in the 800-metres run on Sunday. Fred Newhouse, U.S., placed second in 44.40 and Herman Frazier, U.S., was third.

In the women's 400-metres, Irena Szewinska won the gold medal with a new world record of 49.29 seconds. She broke her own world mark of 49.75 set earlier this year. Second was Christina Brehmer of East Germany with 50.51; third was Ellen Streit of East Germany in 50.55.

It was an incredible performance by the 30-year-old Polish veteran runner who had won both the long jump and the 4 x 100 relay in the 1964 Olympics and captured the 200 metres Olympic title four years later.

Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson turned his much heralded heavyweight semifinal with "Big" John Tate of the United States into a one-punch show as he knocked out the American in 89 seconds at the boxing tournament yesterday. (AP, Reuters)

Starting Tuesday: The Jerusalem Post Midweek Magazine

Entertainment, recreation, culture, what to do and where to go.

Message from Rabin

Prime Minister Rabin last night cabled personal congratulations to Esther on her performance.

"We are all proud of you and your achievements," it read. "You have given vivid expression to the correct path followed by Israel: not to be deterred by any threat, and to struggle for our position in the family of nations. You have represented Israel in the best possible way. Wishing you continued success. Yitzhak Rabin."

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Supreme Court reduces sentence by six years

Ex-Amidar official partially cleared

Zvi Katz, the former treasurer of the Amidar government housing corporation — convicted last year for the theft of nearly IL50m. of the company's funds — has had his sentence reduced from eight to two years, with a further year suspended.

Katz, 60, was convicted in the Tel Aviv District Court last August for operating a special chequing account as part of a scheme to provide senior Amidar employees with cars. The veteran Amidar official, who became treasurer in 1963, first opened the account in April 1972, and by the time he was arrested three years later, he was found to have deposited 299 cheques in the account, totalling IL58,781m.

No defence witnesses were called during the trial, but Katz reserved the right to appeal both the conviction and the sentence. The Supreme Court, presided over by Justice Shimon Agranat, considered the

appeal and delivered its judgement yesterday. Summing up for the Court, Justice Agranat said that it had been decided to dismiss most of the charges made against Katz. He noted that the special bank account had been opened in Amidar's name and could not therefore be considered as a private account. Furthermore, he noted that the company, its director-general and its board of directors "clearly knew about the account — even if they did not know about Katz's methods."

Justice Agranat expressed his "astonishment" that not one of Amidar's directors was called upon to testify, and noted that the prosecution had at the last minute decided not to call director-general Albert Levi — who had originally been listed as a prosecution witness.

The Court did, however, find Katz guilty of stealing IL1.5m. of the company's funds — IL1m. of which was given to various charities —

and also of forging information on the back of the cheques deposited in the special account.

While recognizing the seriousness of the offence, Justice Agranat said that the Court had also taken into account a number of mitigating factors: Katz had not sought any personal gain from his financial manipulations; most of the money had been returned to the company; Katz had lost all his social benefits after decades with the company; and the advanced age of the prisoner.

Justice Agranat, in a minority judgement, decided that Katz's sentence should be reduced to 3.5 years. The other two Justices, Zvi Berenson and Ben-Zion Shereshevsky, opted for a two-year sentence, with a further year suspended.

All three Justices supported the call of Tel Aviv District Court Judge Moshe Belsky for an investigation into the affairs of Amidar by the Attorney-General. (Ithm)

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Social and Personal

Guest speaker at Congregation Beit Yisrael, Rehov Pele Yoel, Temin Moshe, on Saturday morning will be Rabbi Dr. S.M. Lehrman, formerly of Liverpool. At 6 p.m. on Saturday, visiting author-lecturer Dr. Morris Mandel will speak on "Tradition and Human Relations."

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Shalom in Jerusalem, at 9.15. The speakers will be Rabbi Harris Guedalia and Mr. Benjamin Avi-dea of the Foreign Ministry. Zvirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg, A. Melave Malka programme will be held tomorrow at 8.45 with Rabbi David Telser as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited. (Communicated)

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 o'clock tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Eilat, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Sylvia Taslitz, Cultural Director, Meadon La'oleh, and Israel Taslitz, editor and author.

DEPARTURES

Memphis, Tenn., U.S.A. for Zurich, on the first leg of an Israel Bond mission that will take in Latin America (by El Al).

El Al booking by computer

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent. BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al and Austrian Airlines are introducing new computerized booking services. El Al's automated, code-named "Carmel," will be linked to the company's head office on August 9 and is claimed by the company to rank amongst the most advanced computers used by airlines anywhere. "Carmel" will be a two-way system and accessible to all of El Al's agents throughout the United States and Mexico (by phone).

AUA's "Oskar" is more outspoken and will transmit the depth of snow at, say, Kitzbuehl (or any other fashionable ski resort in Austria) to askers within a matter of three seconds. Oskar also has the latest currency exchange rates available.

Another Entebbe book on the way

Jerusalem Post Staff. Yet another book on the Entebbe rescue operation is in the offing, with the U.S. publishers, Dell, having acquired the exclusive rights to a manuscript prepared by three Israeli journalists. The book, to be called "Operation Thunderbolt," was written by Yehayahu Ben-Porat and Eitan Haber of "Yediot Aharonot," and Ze'ev Schiff of "Ha'aretz."

Meanwhile, the noted American Jewish playwright, Paddy Chayefsky, is to prepare the screenplay for a projected film on the operation.

This was announced yesterday upon the arrival here of film production head David Picker of Paramount Films of the U.S. He is to begin discussions here with Mervyn Jaffe, editorial director of the large American paperback publishers, Bantam Books, and veteran British newsmen William Stevenson, who also arrived yesterday, on the film's production.

Stevenson is co-author, together with Israeli Uri Dan, of the guidebook "Operation Entebbe." (Ithm)

A CONCERT, featuring new-immigrant artists, raised IL6,000 for the Voluntary Defence Fund at Beit Hagudum in Avihail last night.

ISRAEL'S HOTELS were filled only to 44 per cent of capacity in June as compared with 53.9 per cent for the same month in 1975, Moshe Amir, director of the Hotel Association, said yesterday.

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Her husband, Josef Roth
Her son, Rafi Ronnen and Family
Her sister, Vera Krwyn and Husband

Territory cuts called for by Alignment doves

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. — A call for "substantial" territorial concessions was made by three Alignment members last night at a meeting of the committee preparing the political platform for the party's convention in February.

The three are Abba Eban, Yitzhak Navon and Moshe Carmel. Their demand highlights widespread differences between Labour members who are close to the Land of Israel Movement and those who advocate significant territorial concessions.

The committee decided to set up another, smaller committee to draft a platform spelling out the proposals on which there is agreement and presenting the alternatives on the others. The committee will be headed by Eban.

The disagreements centred on three issues: Israel's future boundaries, the Palestinian question, and the attitude towards settlement in the West Bank.

The three explicitly stated readiness to cede territory "west" of the Jordan River.

Yosef Tekoa, in a separate proposal, also advocated substantial withdrawals. But Asher Ben-Natan, Prof. Sa'adia Amiel and Dr. Michael Bar Zohar — while agreeing

to "a territorial compromise" — did not define their concession as being "substantial."

Yet another suggestion by Professor Arye Harel, also expressed readiness for a "territorial compromise" but his proposal was hawkish and some party leaders did not believe it could be incorporated in the draft to be prepared by the Eban committee.

Eban's group was also ready for negotiations with Palestinian representatives who will fully accept Israel's sovereignty and legitimacy. It was also ready for interim agreements with all Arab countries — unlike Ben-Natan's group which opposed such an agreement with Jordan.

There were also differences on the settlement problem. Eban's group wanted to limit it, Ben-Natan was described as being more agreeable to settlement in some areas.

But all draft proposals concurred in that Jerusalem should remain united, that Israel maintain her Jewish character, and that there is room for only two states — Israel and an Arab-Palestinian one — between the Mediterranean and the desert.

The joint document to be drafted is to be discussed with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on August 23, a Labour source said.

British survey reveals 'steady' Israeli support

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A survey of British public opinion polls since the Six Day War shows steady support for Israel. This was reported yesterday by the Institute of Jewish Affairs (IJA) here which studied 30 polls conducted since 1967.

The institute found an apparent downward slope in sympathies for Israel (from 46 to 36 per cent) and a slight upward one for the Arabs (from four to seven per cent).

"However, if one ignores the two wars when dangers to Israel resulted in specially strong sympathies by the public, the support for Israel has remained fairly even," the institute — which is sponsored by the World Jewish Congress here — reported. The institute added that any decline in support for Israel did not go to the Arabs but rather to the "support neither" group.

The survey disproved the much-publicized claim of the Palestine Liberation Organization front, the "Free Palestine information office" that a recent poll showed a "landslide" of 75 per cent support in Britain for the PLO for solving the Palestinian issue, terming it "at best imaginative interpretation, at worst deliberate misinformation."



Father Photius breaks from his hermit routine yesterday at Fara Monastery in Wadi Kelt as Jewish and Arab workmen from the Jerusalem Municipality fill a 12-metre deep cistern — part of ancient Herodian water works — that will now serve as his water source. (Rahamim Israeli)

Jerusalem aids hermit in Wadi Kelt cliffs

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

WADI KELT. — In the awesome wilderness where he normally contemplates the majesty of God in total solitude, Father Photius, an Austrian-born hermit, smiled with delight yesterday as he watched one of his minor prayers being answered by a team of workmen from earthly Jerusalem shouting to each other over the racket of pumps and generators.

A stream of water being pumped up from the Bin Fara springs on the wadi floor 60 metres below spewed out of a plastic hose into two cisterns outside the cliffside monastery where Father Photius has lived alone for the past three years. "Fill it up," he said cheerfully in German. "To the top."

Filling the cisterns means that the 66-year-old monk will no longer have to carry up his drinking water in pails from the spring, equivalent to climbing a 20-storey building on a slope of 20 degrees.

It was Father Photius' landman, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek, who made it possible for the water to flow uphill at the Fara Monastery. The two met last Easter at a reception given by the "White Russian" Church in the Old City. They were soon conversing in Kolek's native Viennese dialect. When Father Photius explained his water problem — the ancient channels which had once brought rain runoff into the cisterns had long since been broken — Kolek said he would look into the problem.

He came to the monastery a few weeks later after a bruising half-hour ride on a stony track from the village of Anatot and said it would be possible to do the job. (Another motive Kolek had in visiting the site was to see the damage to Wadi Kelt caused by the oil spill from the East Jerusalem Electricity Company plant in Shuafat.)

"Teddy always says it's possible," said Municipal Sanitary Engineer Zvi Ofer goodnaturedly as his men hauled equipment up the rocky

slopes 15 kilometres east of Jerusalem. "Then we have to do it." It had taken eight workmen all day Wednesday just to drag equipment — including a 200 kilogram generator — hundreds of yards across the slopes and link it up.

"I'm afraid to ask what this cost," said Father Photius. "This is another example of how the Israelis are ready to help Christian churches whenever necessary." (Kolek said last night that the cost, as yet undetermined, would be met by the Jerusalem Foundation.) The filled cistern will permit him to plant a vegetable garden in addition to his flower garden.

The monk, who rises each morning at 2 a.m., generally divides his days between prayer, contemplation, the writing of a history of the monastery and physical work including the tilling of his garden and washing of clothes. ("Without a strict daily discipline you couldn't make it.")

His writing, however, has virtually come to a halt since Beduins broke into the monastery in April during his absence and stole his two typewriters — one with Greek letters and one with Latin letters — along with cameras and Kodak. Beduin youths have also on occasion rolled rocks down the slopes and sent them crashing through the monastery's roof.

Once every two or three weeks, Father Photius walks six kilometres up the steep slopes to Anatot where he takes a bus to Jerusalem. He returns in a taxi bearing groceries and the contents of his post office box. The box generally includes newspapers sent to him by the Austrian embassy which he reads while still in town.

The small monastery, which is 1,650 years old, is probably the oldest in the country. It was founded by a Fourth Century saint, Chariton, whose tomb was to make it a centre of pilgrimage. Colonies of hermits lived in the caves on the cliffs surrounding the spring. Encouraged by Byzantine rulers anxious to build



Youngsters at the Alya Orthopaedic Hospital celebrated the last day of summer camp (yesterday) by setting up a Youth City, with its own mayor, police and shops. The real municipality of Jerusalem was represented by Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish. (Werner Braun)

Japanese police alerted for plots to kill Miki

TOKYO. — Japanese authorities yesterday warned police throughout the nation to be alert for assassination attempts against Prime Minister Takeo Miki and other government leaders.

The all-points bulletin to Japan's local police was issued by the National Police Agency, Japan's equivalent of the FBI.

"We must strengthen protection of high officials in the government and make every effort to protect them from possible terrorists," the warning said.

"At present there are no immediate known signs of assassination plots by ultra leftists and rightists against high government officials," the bulletin added.

The warning followed the arrest on Tuesday of former Premier Kakuei Tanaka, 58, on charges of secretly receiving \$1.67m. in illegal payments from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The Tokyo District Court yesterday approved the detention of Tanaka and his former secretary Toshio Enomoto for 10 more days further questioning in connection with the payoff scandal.

Police officials noted demonstrations calling for Miki's resignation have increased since Tanaka's arrest. Policemen guarding private residences of Miki and other government officials, as well as opposition party leaders, have been reinforced, they added. (UPI, AP)

'Protection racket in melon market'

TEL AVIV. — Police believe they have uncovered a protection racket in the watermelon market here, and three of the alleged racketeers have been remanded for 15 days.

The three, Mashiah Pozelof, Zion Levi and Raphael Manov, were arrested and brought before the Magistrate's Court here yesterday following police suspicions of their involvement in the protection racket currently terrorizing watermelon dealers in Rehov Shikrit.

The police told the court that the alleged racketeers were demanding IL5 in "protection money" from each of the 350 trucks which bring watermelons to the market every day. In addition, they allegedly undertook to collect debts from the various stall owners on behalf of the watermelon wholesalers — and were not averse to using strong-arm tactics in the process.

The police representative noted that the vendors in the market were so terrified of Pozelof and his gang that they were unwilling to testify "for fear of their lives."

The three suspects denied the police claims, but the Judge, Edna Shatsky, agreed with the police demand that they be remanded to prevent them from disrupting the investigation. (Ithm)

Clal opens British subsidiary

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — CLAL LTD., the Israeli conglomerate has opened a British subsidiary in partnership with a Pakistani-born millionaire.

Joseph Wolfsthal, general manager of NMT Industrial Storage Ltd., says the firm will be based in London but will operate on a world-wide basis. It will promote Israeli goods on the British market, and it offers comprehensive facilities for forwarding and distribution.

In September, the firm will open its large showroom facilities in Hounslow, a London suburb. It hopes to become general agents for Israeli firms who do not have representatives here.

Mr. Wolfsthal said that while Israeli firms produce goods of a quality and price that make them highly competitive on the world market, proper promotion and distribution were lacking. This his firm aimed to provide.

Fifty per cent of the British firm is owned by Robbie Khan, the Pakistani-born businessman who has gained a name for himself with his chain of stables.

It was intended to have a chain of world-wide storage and distribution firms, and one, called Trans-Clal, has already been set up in Amsterdam. It was now planned to open a company on the east coast of the U.S.

presentatives here.

He tells of a priest who came to him to say he wanted to leave his order. For two days they talked and at the end the priest decided "to stay where God put him."

He knows that he himself cannot stay many more years at Fara. He does not feel loneliness, he says. But the climbs up the mountainside to Anatot would be difficult for far younger men. Once he fell ill and lay unconscious in the monastery for three hours. He has a picture of a small house in the Austrian Tyrol to which he will retire one day with an Austrian government pension.

He will bear with him the memory of the Wadi Kelt cliffsides changing colour with the shifting sun and of the startling array of stars visible from the utter blackness of the canyon. "Here," he says, "you feel the almightiness of God."

Israel satisfied

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position on the PLO has not changed. It remains as it has always been, spokesman Robert Fimshel told reporters, and that is that the U.S. will not recognize the PLO until the terrorist organization first accepts Israel's right to exist and Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

Meanwhile, Israel currently views the Lebanese situation as affording Israel with five important short-term benefits, even though an eventual reconciliation between Syria and the PLO is not being totally ruled out.

The short-term advantages include:

- The PLO is currently being weakened both politically and militarily.
- Under existing circumstances, Syria dares not increase its military involvement in Lebanon, fearful of an Israeli military response. (Israel is opposed to a total Syrian takeover of Lebanon, as such a development would result in Lebanon's becoming a full-fledged confrontation state against Israel.)
- The Christian side in Lebanon is being strengthened, Israel is quietly supporting the Christians in Lebanon and the current military successes indicate that the Christians will have an important role to play in any eventual settlement. It was only a few months ago that the Christians were on the verge of collapse.
- The Soviet Union's influence in the Middle East is shown to be weakening. Two Soviet clients, Syria and the PLO, are fighting each other and the Soviets are, in a sense, caught in the middle. While the Soviets are supporting the PLO, they also fear a serious rupture in relations with the Damascus regime if there is too much support.
- World public opinion, especially in the U.S., is becoming more favourable toward Israel because of the bloody fighting among Arabs in Lebanon. Israel believes that the massacres and other brutal destruction of communities in Lebanon has made many people all over the world recognize Israel's situation and sympathize more and more with Israel.

Despite these five short-term advantages, Israel knows that the situation in Lebanon is capable of changing rapidly. New developments, either on the ground or in the political arena, could force Israel to reassess its position.

Officers tell Amin to step down

NAIROBI. — Ugandan President Idi Amin yesterday was told to step down by a group of more than 30 senior army officers, according to a report which is to be carried in Friday's edition of the Nairobi "Daily Nation."

The officers delivered the message to Amin at his command headquarters in Kampala, the newspaper said, quoting sources in the Ugandan capital. They told Amin that his resignation is necessary because of the critical state of the nation's economy, the "Nation" said.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report or indication of the identity of the sources.

The 30-man delegation was selected by members of the Kalenjin and Nubian tribes. The two tribes together with the military are his cornerstones of support in Uganda. Since he took power in January 1971, Amin, himself a Kalenjin, has put members of the tribes in key army posts.

Uganda's economy is reported in a critical condition with a serious petrol shortage that Amin says is threatening the country's survival. Amin said on Sunday that Uganda only has enough petrol left to fuel just the emergency services for five more days. He is blaming an alleged Kenyan economic blockade for the crisis, but Kenya strongly denies this. (AP)

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Beirut evacuees reach Athens

ATHENS. — More than 300 smiling, waving evacuees from Beirut arrived in Athens aboard a U.S. Navy warship yesterday after a "lovely" 47-hour voyage. The U.S.S. Coronado, a giant amphibious landing ship, steamed into the ancient seaport of Piraeus with white-shirted sailors and a multicolored collection of refugees of 30 nationalities.

The 306 tired but happy evacuees, including 115 Americans, filed down a narrow metal gangplank carrying babies, bags, bundles and even gold clubs onto shore. Anne Paris of Independence Missouri, said she left Beirut with her two sons, aged three and four, feeling "both good and bad; Beirut was really our home and my husband is still there trying to keep his business together."

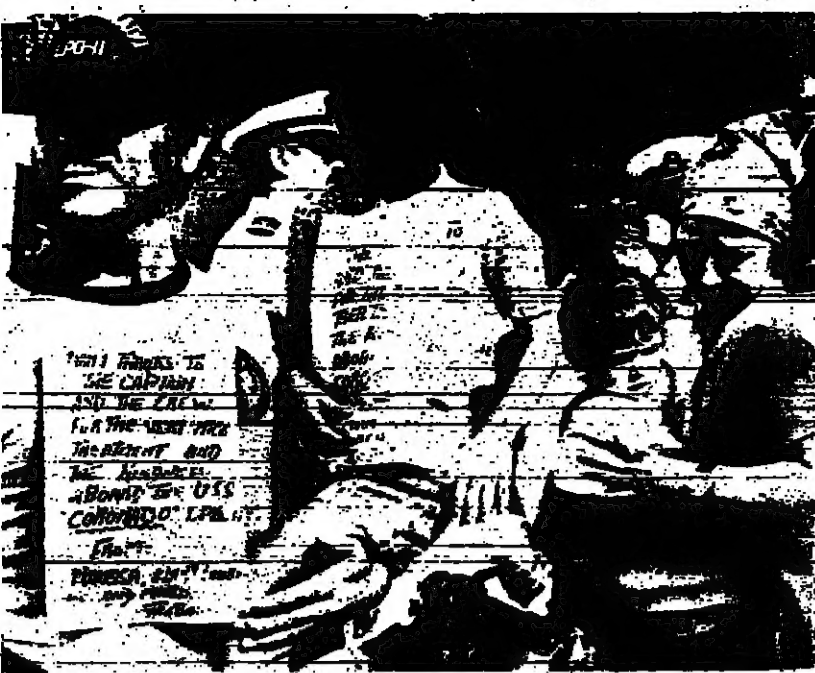
But she said with constant shelling, no electricity and no running water, it was becoming "impossible" to raise children there. "Our neighbours' house was hit by cannon fire and we live in a relatively safe part of town," she said.

American, British and French consular officials met the refugees at dockside and soon discovered the multinational group, which included 130 Americans, 26 British, 13 French, seven Germans, two Cubans, one Russian woman and many Lebanese were headed for many destinations.

Some planned to stay in Athens in the hope that conditions in Beirut would improve soon enough for them to return. Others were headed for New York, San Francisco, London, Paris and Rome.

U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Talcott Seelye originally was among the evacuees, but he was taken to Athens two days ago by helicopter plane and now is in Washington.

According to Commander John Dewey, public relations officer aboard the ship, the journey was without incident or illness. He said food, drink, and entertainment for



Lebanese Muslim Moness Traboulsi (left), carrying his son Mark, 5, coming off the USS Coronado outside Athens yesterday. The notice planned to his shirt expresses his gratitude. (AP radiophoto)

The children were plentiful and sleeping conditions "quite satisfactory." "I think the kids and their parents enjoyed it all as much as the crew did," he said.

Dewey said preparations for about 500 evacuees had been made originally, "but fewer turned up than expected." He said he knew nothing of three would-be evacuees reportedly stopped from boarding by Moslem leftists.

Dewey said the ship, part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet Mediterranean landing force with a capacity of six helicopters, 15 landing craft and 900 men, was to rejoin other ships of its unit.

The evacuees were picked up from a Beirut beach on Tuesday while a Palestinian terrorist force stood guard and a Marine amphibious task force stood by on a second alert in case the operation was attacked. It was the Navy's second seaborne evacuation from Beirut, and Embassy and Navy officials said it would probably be the last.

There are still 15 people in the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and the government has a continuing responsibility for their safety, one diplomat said. "But if they're evacuated, it won't be as leisurely an operation as this one," (AP, UPI)

AACI leaders debate Almogi's plan on absorption

'Get U.S. Zionists more involved'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In one of his first attempts to reorganize the tangled process of immigration and absorption, World Zionist Executive chairman Yosef Almogi is advancing a major role on the Israeli side for the American Zionist Federation.

But some volunteers in the immigrants' associations — while ready to listen to suggestions — are worried that Almogi's proposal would limit their independence and only add to the confusion encountered by new immigrants.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that Almogi will meet privately today with 10 leaders of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) to discuss the issue.

The AACI, a voluntary organization founded 25 years ago which aims at helping the North American settler become integrated into Israeli society, has been suffering for years from severe budgetary strains and a bad case of misdirection. Getting only a small part of its funds from membership fees, it has become more and more dependent on subsidies from the World Zionist Organization and the Absorption Ministry — while watching its independence wither away and its calls for change in the establishment muted.

The American Zionist Federation based in New York is funded largely by the WZO and run by professionals.

Almogi told The Post that he is looking for new ways to improve absorption here, and that the British Zionist Federation — which is supported by Jews in Britain and has an office in Tel Aviv — is "a perfect model" for the Americans. The American Jewish community is not identical, by



Yosef Almogi

any means, to its British counterpart, he continued, but it can learn much from the British immigrant aid system. He asserted that he would not force any group involved to go along with his proposals; agreement would be reached by negotiation.

The BZFI in Israel offers counselling services and substantial loans and mortgages to Jews from Britain and other Commonwealth countries. The Hachadut Osei Britania, a relatively inactive social organization, has often been at odds with the more powerful BZFI (a secretary at the HOB was annoyed when a caller asked her for the BZFI phone number; "we have nothing to do with the British Zionist Federation," she said).

In a long meeting of AACI leaders around the country on Tuesday, though some urged opposition to Almogi's plans for the American Zionist Federation, the others

resolved to make some concessions. The AACI will allow AZF representatives to take positions on their executive committee and help them learn the problems.

Berko Devor, acting president of the AACI, told The Post that he "welcomes AZF people on the committee; they should all come on aliya."

But he asserted that "AACI doesn't need supervisors from abroad to oversee our work. We can manage our own affairs well if we have the tools and the money." He said there was not enough coordination between the AACI and the AZF, even though the AACI is its official representative for the interests of immigrants and temporary residents from the U.S. Devor is opposed to using the British Zionist Federation as a model for Americans — since it is "wrong for Jews from overseas to tell us how to run our affairs here."

David Breslau, a founder of AACI, asserted that an AZF office is not needed in Tel Aviv, and that having two organizations involved in the same thing would only make the immigrant more confused. He favours the expansion of the AACI executive committee to include representatives of the AZF.

Other observers, suggesting other motives for Almogi's proposals besides his desire to streamline and reorganize, say the Zionist Executive chairman prefers the AZF to the AACI because he shares its "professional" — rather than volunteer — mentality. Some also charge that Almogi, whose WZO supplies much of the AZF's funds, would, with his plans, make it more difficult for immigrants to criticize the Jewish Agency and WZO establishment.

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MFC bailed out by U.S. firm

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Maritime Fruit Carriers has formed a new corporation jointly with the American firm "Sea Containers." The new company will operate 20 of MFC's freighters.

The shares of the new corporation will be divided evenly between MFC and Sea Containers. The American firm will provide capital for MFC to clear up some of her debts that have endangered the giant shipping concern.

It seems, though, that the eight MFC refrigerator ships sailing under the Israeli flag will be possessed by creditors, since these ships were the most heavily mortgaged. According to a spokesman for the Israel Ratings Union, the ships to be saved are apparently registered in Germany and Great Britain.

Yaacov Friedler adds from Haifa: The Marine Officers Union yesterday decided to call on the Government to redeem the voluntary War Loan payments of 22 officers of MFC's eight Israeli flag refrigeration ships. Union secretary Adam Chiel told The Jerusalem Post that they were basing their claim on the precedent set this month by the Government in its decision for an early redemption of the MFC's loan payments on the ground that the company was "in distress." He claimed that the officers were in distress too, as no jobs were available for them in the Merchant Marine, which has no other refrigeration ships.

Knesset gift to U.S. House

Special to The Jerusalem Post
WASHINGTON. — Israel's national experience and democratic values are "the nearest thing in the world to what we have here," Speaker Carl Albert of the U.S. House of Representatives said on Wednesday, in accepting a bicentennial gift from the Knesset.

At ceremonies in Albert's office, a special proclamation, in the form of a scroll commemorating America's 200th anniversary, was personally delivered and unrolled before a small gathering by the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Malcolm Tonon. Tonon had been entrusted with the mission by the Knesset earlier this month.

The scroll, handwritten and encased in a polished wood case, was accepted by both Speaker Albert and Rep. Hale Boggs (D-LA.), chairman of the joint congressional committee on the bicentennial. "Both our countries went in from outside to set up a new country," said Albert. "I can only hope that some day, long after all of us here will be gone, some future U.S. ambassador to Israel will salute your great democracy on its bicentennial."

Entebbe hostages claim damages from Air France

HAIFA. — Two couples who were aboard the Air France plane hijacked to Entebbe last month have approached the airlines for compensation for injuries sustained during the incident.

Mr. and Mrs. Yitzhak David, of Kiryat Bialik, and Dr. and Mrs. Yitzhak Hirsch, of Kiryat Haim, all four survivors of the Holocaust in Europe — applied for an out-of-court settlement in a letter forwarded to Air France through their lawyer yesterday.

In the letter, it was pointed out that all four had suffered "physical and psychological harm" of varying degrees, which would permanently restrict their future earning power. Mr. David, it was noted, was still in hospital receiving treatment for

his injuries, and would remain crippled for the rest of his life. The other three claimants had also been injured and were still receiving treatment.

A representative of Air France in Tel Aviv told "Yim" yesterday that the letter had not yet been received by his company, and that any claim for other than loss of baggage would be handled by the airline's lawyers. Compensation for lost baggage will be made automatically, in accordance with the relevant convention.

The claimants would prefer to settle out of court, but their lawyer noted in his letter that his clients would instigate legal proceedings if Air France failed to notify its readiness to negotiate within 10 days.

STEEL CITY REOPENS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACHRA. — The mills at Steel City rolled again yesterday morning after a three-day shutdown. At midnight on Wednesday, David Bonos, the worker who closed down the plant on Monday, and his wife left the lodge near the gates where they had taken up residence.

An old friend of the Bonos, Labour Council Secretary Yitzhak Hazza, persuaded them to end their sitdown strike with an assurance that Bonos would get another job. Under a ruling of Histadrut Trade Union department head U. Abrahamovitch, Bonos was dismissed for unruly and violent conduct against the firm's manager, Uri Bar-Ratzon.

The 150,000 tons a year capacity of Koor's steel plant will soon be doubled when a second electric arc steel furnace now being erected there will be put into service. The three-day shutdown and labour troubles a month ago aggravated a shortage felt in the building industry, which consumes up to 15,000 tons a month.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA

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The strongest anywhere on earth in a dozen years. The area's coal mines operate day and night and observers said that many miners might have been buried deep below ground by the quake.

Peking's six million people, who felt the pre-dawn shock which cracked many buildings in the capital, slept in the streets after officials warned that more tremors might follow.

The Central Committee message distributed by the New China News Agency called on the people and the armed forces to "bring into full play the revolutionary spirit of arduous struggle" and plunge into the anti-quake relief fight with a firm and indomitable will. They had the support and assistance of the people of the whole country, it said.

The message also said that Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the Central

Committee extended "cordial sympathy to the people of various nationalities and commanders and fighters of the Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army afflicted by the earthquake."

Many foreign residents in Peking left apartment buildings for the embassies of their countries. Authorities had instructed foreign travellers staying at the Peking Hotel to remain in the lobby on the first floor, or move outside. Most guests slept in the hotel lobby or around the front entrance of the building. "Virtually all of the stores in Peking are closed and the functions of the city have been paralyzed," Japan's Kyodo news agency said.

Tadashi Ito, Peking correspondent of Kyodo, said the capital resembled a town of refugees with plastic tents lining both sides of the streets. Residents brought beds and chairs into the tents, strung their washing between trees and set up kerosene

stoves outside the tents to cook and boil water, he reported.

Kyodo also said "damage of considerable scope was reported in Tientsin," 150 kms. southeast of Peking.

Six Japanese survivors from quake-stricken Tangshan were dug from the rubble of their hotel by Chinese themselves injured in the disaster, Japanese diplomats said. The diplomats, who talked with the survivors in a Peking hospital, said four of them were seriously injured and one was in a very grave condition.

The men, technicians with the Hitachi company, described how the quake began slowly but grew in intensity. Several managed to crawl under their beds before the three-storey hotel block collapsed like a pack of cards. They left two of their comrades dead under the rubble. Another died shortly after being dug out. (Reuters, AP)

ITALIAN CABINET

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veto power on the government and its programme. Even without being in the Cabinet, the Communists will have an unprecedented role in passing laws and deciding state spending.

"Until today it was the government that made laws and decrees and the Parliament at the most wrote in some amendment. Now it will be Parliament that makes laws and the government will introduce technical amendments. The situation is reversed," commented Christian Democrat deputy Pietro Bassetti.

Andreotti also consulted the Communists in preparing his programme. Only broad outlines are known. These included:

- Streamlining of the central administration also to foster a better coordination of economic policies in a nation where the state controls more than 50 per cent of the economy.
- The establishment of a committee through which the unions may be able to control the fulfilment of government pledges in the labour field.
- A reform of the intelligence service, known as the Defence

Information Service. Its former chief and other ex-officials have been charged in a case of subversive plotting.

- Antitrust measures including higher taxes and speedier trials for tax evaders.
- Talks with unions to help ease the burden of labour costs on industry.

Andreotti is preparing to succeed another all-Christian Democrat government, that of Aldo Moro, which collapsed in April after the Socialists withdrew their support, insisting on an equal role for the Communists. This brought about general elections a year ahead of schedule.

Moro's Cabinet stayed on in a caretaker capacity. It unveiled the 1977 budget yesterday to meet a constitutional deadline. Andreotti is Budget Minister in the outgoing Cabinet.

The budget posted a deficit of 11.5 trillion lire — \$135. — about the same as the previous one. But the budget was expanded with both revenues and outlays up about one-third from the 1976 budget. Revenues totalled 35.7 trillion lire — \$42m. Outlays totalled 45.5 trillion lire — \$55b. (AP)

First aid course for heart victims

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — An anonymous donor has given the Ramat Gan municipality IL100,000 to train residents to treat heart attack victims.

Part of the money will be used to purchase the sort of emergency medical equipment that can mean the difference between life and death for heart attack victims. In addition, the municipality, in cooperation with the cardiology department at the Sheba Medical Centre, will sponsor courses to teach residents what they can do when an individual suffers an attack.

Among the first to participate in the courses, which are scheduled to get underway in October, will be members of families of heart attack victims, Civil Guard personnel, and firemen.

'Vicious circle' discriminates against would-be tour operators

THE HIGH COURT of Justice this week slapped the wrists of the Tourism and Transport Ministries for refusing to permit a private bus company to buy more buses so that it could qualify for tourist services.

It made absolute an order that it had issued against the Tourism Ministry on behalf of Amittour, thus obliging the ministry to issue a recommendation to enable the firm to get permits from the Transport Ministry for purchasing the buses.

The law says a company is entitled to obtain a licence to transport tourists if it has a minimum of 25 buses. But the authorities had created a vicious circle, the court said, by adding other conditions for permission to obtain the necessary buses such as the state of the tourism industry and the foreign currency situation.

These, in fact, were the reasons the Tourism Ministry gave for refusing to give its recommendation for the purchase by Amittour.

Apart from the unfairness of preventing a citizen from achieving the conditions by which he could qualify for a licence, this action in effect discriminates unfairly between existing companies and others who wish to enter the market, the court held.

Justice Zvi Berenson dismissed the Tourism Ministry's claim that purchase of the buses involved foreign currency expenditure, and that this was against the State's interest. Any private individual can buy an imported car, he said, so why pick on those whose purchase will earn foreign currency from tourism?

Justice Alfred Witkon and Eliahu Manny concurred. (Itim)

Hazan: army may have to move into Lebanon

TEL AVIV. — Mapam leader Ya'acov Hazan has recommended that the IDF move into Fatahland if the Syrians or the Palestinians begin a military build-up there.

The Israel forces should remain there until assured that the region south of the Litani river is demilitarized, Hazan told Mapam's political committee here on Wednesday. He explained that he feared the war in Lebanon may force a concentration of Palestinians along the Israel border.

TAX ACCORD

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and the Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Edward Lees, on Tuesday exchanged treaty ratifications which aim to prevent double taxation and tax evasion relating to income and capital gains tax.

The treaty itself was signed in Ottawa on July 21 by representatives of both governments.

LIE DETECTOR

The "Yim" news agency requests publication of the following clarification to a news item which appeared in last Monday's newspapers about a suspect who was reportedly ordered to undergo a lie detector test. "Yim" points out that lie detector tests are ordered by the courts only when the suspect himself requests it.

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Greek navy sails as Turks begin oil hunt

ANKARA. — A Turkish oil exploration ship yesterday sailed into the Aegean Sea, watched angrily by Greece which is in dispute with Turkey over the mineral riches on the seabed between the two countries.

Usually reliable sources in Athens said Greek naval units put to sea after the 1,200-ton research ship Seismio 1 sailed out of the Dardanelles into the Aegean in the early morning gloom, accompanied by two Turkish navy patrol boats.

But Turkish Energy Minister Selahattin Kilic told newsmen in Ankara yesterday afternoon that no Greek planes or warships were shadowing the ship. The ship started mapping the seabed at Saros Bay in the northeast corner of the Aegean.

Preparations for the voyage have kept tensions high between Greece and Turkey for weeks. Diplomatic sources here said Turkish-Greek talks have been going on behind the scenes, without success so far. The sources stressed that the dialogue showed the two sides were anxious to avoid a head-on clash.

Reports from Athens said Greek naval units left from Salamis and

Phaleron Bay outside Athens to intensify patrols in the Aegean. The ships are expected to patrol mainly near Greek islands along the Turkish Anatolian coast.

The sources said the air force, together with the navy and the army were placed in an advanced state of preparedness when Turkey announced the planned sailing of the Seismio a month ago, to ensure that the ship did not violate Greece's continental shelf.

Greece claims that the more than 3,000 Greek islands are entitled to a continental shelf, Turkey argues that its Anatolian coast has a continental shelf which extends well into the Aegean, often west of Greek islands.

Kilic said on Wednesday this first voyage of the Seismio could take about 10 days. But the state radio has been announcing warnings to ships navigating in the area to exercise caution until August 20. Greece has threatened to remove the ship forcefully but authoritative sources here say the danger of an armed clash between the two North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies has been reduced through intense diplomatic efforts by other NATO countries. (Reuters, UPI, AP)



A four-year-old resident of Seveso, Italy, waits as a doctor takes a sample of his blood. All residents who have not been evacuated from the town are undergoing medical checks after poisonous gas escaped from a chemical plant nearby three weeks ago. Yesterday, a bomb exploded outside the home offices of the parent company, the Swiss Roche firm. It caused damage to the building, but no injuries. (AP radiophoto)

Amin: Britons welcome to remain in Uganda

NAIROBI. — President Idi Amin said yesterday that Britons were welcome to stay in Uganda despite London's decision to sever diplomatic relations, but added there would be no question now of holding compensation talks for the half billion dollars worth of British assets in the East African country.

Mediation efforts to normalize relations between Uganda and Kenya continued. But despite optimism from Amin that a solution could be found, African sources said this was extremely unlikely now.

In a relatively mild response to London's unprecedented step of severing ties with a Commonwealth country, Amin said, "Uganda had no intention of breaking relations with Britain" and London "gave no reason for breaking relations."

He added: "My government is not

against Britain. Even those 500 Britons in Uganda are free to stay if they wish. But they must now abide by its laws." One of Amin's aides said the Britons remaining in Uganda "will become Ugandan citizens."

However, half of the 500 Britons in Uganda have left in recent weeks and there are only some 250 Britons, mainly missionaries and teachers in Uganda now.

Amin said there was no question of holding compensation talks for the \$500m. in British assets — most seized when Amin kicked out about 40,000 mainly British Asians in 1972. Two preliminary meetings have already been held with no progress, but Amin said that since Uganda now has "no communication" with London, the question of compensation is closed. (UPI)



The acting British High Commissioner in Uganda, Eustace Gibbs (left), gestures to newsmen on his arrival in London. With him is James Hennessy, the High Commissioner, who has been in Britain since his mission on Mrs. Dora Bloch. (UPI telephoto)

Waldheim calls for int'l curb on terrorism

BONN. — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has called for international agreements against terrorism in order to prevent "individual states from taking the law in their own hands."

In an interview published in the mass circulation "Bild Zeitung" here yesterday, Waldheim was quoted as saying he believed that authoritarian states and Western democracies would cooperate in curbing terrorism.

"International terrorism today is often purely criminal and without political background. Criminal elements are threatening all. Therefore we need international agreements in order to prevent nations — as happened in the case of Entebbe — taking the law in their own hands," he was quoted as saying.

Waldheim was referring to the raid at the Entebbe airport on July 4, in which Israeli commandos freed over 100 people taken hostages by pro-Palestinian terrorists.

He also told the newspaper that an anti-terrorism convention would not come into force until next year, even if the UN member states agreed on a text in the autumn. (Reuters)

Getty kidnappers draw sentences

LAGONEGRO, Italy. — Two Italian men were convicted in the 1973 kidnapping of J. Paul Getty III, grandson of the late oil billionaire. Giuseppe La Manna drew 16 years and Antonio Manguso drew eight years.

Six other defendants were acquitted of charges of complicity in the abduction for lack of evidence. But five of them were convicted of possession of and trafficking in narcotics.

Getty was released in this southern Italian town after five months of captivity and payment of \$2.5m. ransom. His captors cut off one of his ears and mailed it to a Rome newspaper to speed up negotiations.

The defendants are natives of Calabria, Italy's southwest region. Police accused them of being members of a local brand of Mafia, that has a tradition of mutilating kidnapping victims to press relatives into meeting their demands.

Getty came to Lagonegro to testify when the trial opened in May, then returned to California where he lives. He was snatched at night in downtown Rome in July three years ago and was taken from one hideout to another for five months before being released on December 15, 1973. (AP)

France guillotines child-killer

MARSEILLES. — France guillotined a convicted child-killer at dawn on Wednesday, the first execution since President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing took office and the 22nd in France in 10 years. It was expected to rekindle a national debate on capital punishment.

Christian Ranucci, 21, was executed in a Marseille prison for the slaying death of eight-year-old Marie-Dolores Rambis in 1974. The girl was kidnapped outside her Marseille home and found several days later in a nearby woods stabbed 15 times and with her head bashed in. Psychiatrists testified at Ranucci's trial that he was driven by "sexual com-

pulsions." As a presidential candidate in 1974, Giscard said he had "a profound aversion for capital punishment," and last year demonstrated it by pardoning an 18-year-old youth convicted of killing a 73-year-old woman. However, he turned down an appeal for clemency in the case of Ranucci.

Just eight months ago, three million French citizens signed a petition against capital punishment and sent it to the Elysee Palace in hopes of sparking a parliamentary debate on the subject. Public reaction to the latest execution was mostly counter in the first few hours. (AP)

Tass: Korchnoi staged defection as 'ego-trip'

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union has described Chess Grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi's application for political asylum in Holland as an attempt to attract attention "by means of a cheap sensation."

In its first official comment on Korchnoi's defection on Wednesday, the Government News Agency "Tass" said yesterday that he went abroad several times a year and did not need political asylum to leave the Soviet Union. He staged this performance in Amsterdam, Tass said, "only to satisfy his wounded vanity."

The agency accused the Western press of starting openly "anti-Soviet ballyhoo" over the affair.

"Tass" alleged that Korchnoi, 45, was obsessed with vanity and envy at his colleagues' successes and started intrigues to achieve what he could not accomplish at the chessboard.

Korchnoi, who ranked as the world's number three chess player in 1973, was reported to have told a Dutch colleague that he recently criticized the Soviet Chess Federation and was afraid he would Karpov.

not be allowed to play abroad again.

He is staying at a secret address while his application for asylum is being studied by Dutch authorities.

Korchnoi's defection has overshadowed play at the Interzonal Chess Tournament, which went into its 13th round at Biel, Switzerland, yesterday — and has also raised some questions.

Korchnoi, along with America's Bobby Fischer, has been seeded for the challenge tournament that will decide who plays reigning World Champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union.

"You can bet anything you want that the Russian Chess Federation will launch a big protest against his participation," U.S. Grandmaster Robert Byrne said. "But you can also bet that FIDE, the International Chess Federation, will let him play," Byrne said. "He earned his place."

The three winners of the Biel tournament will compete with the same number from the Manila Interzonal for the right to play Karpov. (Reuters, UPI)

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Martian soil bubbling in Viking lab

PASADENA. — Martian soil bubbled and baked yesterday inside the tiny laboratory aboard the Viking 1 spacecraft.

The soil samples are being tested for signs of life.

The Viking 1 lander, sitting for eight days on the rocky Mars surface, reached out with its three-metre-long sampler arm early on Wednesday and scooped the vivid orange-red soil into four different testing chambers.

"This is history — the first sample from the planet Mars," said Dr. Leonard Clark, head of the jet propulsion laboratory team dealing with the soil samples. "It's inside the lander and it's cooking."

The experiments will take weeks, and answers are not expected soon. But scientists displayed immediate joy that the project was under way. "I'm delighted — ecstatic, I can't tell you how thrilled I am," said Dr. Gerald Sothen, a scientist.

One hitch developed. Project Director James Martin said engineering data indicate that a soil sample may not have been dropped in an instrument designed to look for organic molecules in the soil. He said the nature of the problem was not known, but the difficulty may delay the organic study a week or so.

Initial reports, however, indicated that soil was dumped in another device checking the inorganic chemistry of the soil.

In two biological experiments a protein-rich mixture — called "chicken soup" by scientists here — was poured on the soil.

In another, the soil was baked under a sunlamp to see if it absorbed gases from the air as do plants on earth.

A fourth test put the soil under an X-ray to determine its chemical composition. Dr. Sothen said the complete group of tests was designed to take 12 days. The tests would be repeated at least twice to verify results.

"The mission is really just beginning," said Dr. Leslie Orgel, of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. "For those of us interested in organic chemistry and life, we've hardly got started."

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

2nd suspect arrested in bus hijack

MENLO PARK, California. — Police yesterday arrested James Schoenfeld, one of the three men wanted in connection with the kidnapping of a busload of children at Chowchilla earlier this month.

"He offered no resistance and was calm and peaceful," a police spokesman said.

Schoenfeld's brother, Richard, 22, who surrendered to police last Friday, was arraigned in Chowchilla yesterday on 43 counts of kidnapping and robbery.

A police spokesman said nothing was known on the whereabouts of the third known suspect in the kidnapping, 24-year-old Fred Newhall Woods, but authorities reported he was seen last November at the quarry where the kidnap victims were held.

With emotions running high in the small farming community since the kidnapping, Madera County Sheriff Ed Bates stationed police officers on rooftops along the two blocks of Chowchilla's main street during the arraignment. A special weapons and tactics team also was on alert. (UPI)

Soweto's black pupils walk out of classes

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of black school children in the African township of Soweto staged an apparently organized mass walkout from their classrooms yesterday at schools throughout the sprawling area. Later all schools were ordered to close.

Police said a gang of about 80 black youths yesterday attacked the Fred Clark School in the Motolo south district of Soweto and many of the students inside fled in panic. They said the principal then spoke with the attackers and persuaded them not to set the building afire.

The pattern at the school in Motolo district was the same, according to a police spokesman. Students began leaving their morning classrooms all over Soweto at about the same time. Police said it was difficult to assess exactly how many were involved in the walkout.

At least six more schools were burned down in Soweto and other black townships around Johannesburg on Wednesday night, bringing to at least 10 the number of schools fired this week.

Earlier white officials of the Department of Bantu (African) Education were withdrawn from Soweto as the situation remained tense.

Schools in Soweto and other townships were reopened last week, five weeks after demonstrations

over the enforced use of the Afrikaans language as a teaching medium led to rioting in which 176 people died. The ruling on the use of the language has since been revoked.

The unrest in the black schools erupted again last week when police fired into a stone-throwing crowd of blacks outside Middleburg, 112 kms. east of Johannesburg, killing one black and injuring four others.

Erig, J. Le Roux, Soweto police commissioner, said yesterday after the walkouts that all was "quiet as far" in the township. Teachers reported that the walkouts occurred immediately after the first rest period. Then the pupils returned to their classrooms, collected their books and left, the teachers said.

The African Teachers Association of South Africa said on Wednesday that it would try to arrange a meeting with Police Minister Jimmy Kruger and persuade him to withdraw armed patrols in the township. A spokesman for the association said that police made pupils scared to return to the schools which were reopened after being officially closed since the June 15 rioting. But the Minister was quoted in interviews as saying that the patrols would continue "until the arson stops."

(UPI, AP, Reuters)

U.S. officials to boycott session on Arab boycott

ORONO, Maine. — The U.S. Government has decided to withdraw its representatives from a Middle East American Business Conference next week because of a planned discussion of the Arab boycott of Israel.

The organizers of the conference were informed of government objections a month ago, Peter Hale, a spokesman for the Department of Commerce said on Wednesday in a telephone interview from Washington.

The first objection was raised after a Portland newspaper reported the discussion would include information about how to become "de-listed" from the Arab blacklist of businesses dealing with Israel. Rep. Sidney Yates of Illinois said the discussion was "discriminating" against Israel and companies doing business with Israel.

"We had some assurance that the panel would be dropped," Hale said. But about a week ago the department saw a copy of a promotional letter to U.S. businessmen saying that the panel was still scheduled.

Hale said participation in the discussion, scheduled for the final session of the five-day conference on the University of Maine campus, would place the

Department in conflict with the Export Administration Act. The act requires businessmen to avoid restrictive business agreements, such as boycotts, against friendly nations like Israel.

The agenda listed Charles Swanson, director of the operations division of the Office of Export Administration of the Department of Commerce, and David Marblestone, legal counsel to the Justice Department, as panelists on "legal aspects of the Arab boycott of Israel."

The Commerce Department has informed conference director John Brown that its representatives could not take part in the conference, Hale said.

The State and Commerce Departments had assisted in setting up the conference by aiding in travel arrangements and alerting American embassies about it. A dozen Middle East countries, including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait and Egypt, are said to have accepted invitations and about 200 representatives were to come for the sessions. "A fair number" of American companies also accepted invitations, it was said, for the conference which was described as being "geared for opportunities spawned from oil money."

(UPI, JTA)

Hunt sues for libel

MIAMI. — E. Howard Hunt, a former U.S. Central Intelligence Agency agent now serving time from his Watergate burglary conviction, has filed a \$2.5m. libel suit against the authors and publishers of a book that says he took part in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Attorney Ellis S. Rubin, who filed the suit in Federal Court here said the book "Coup D'Etat in America: The CIA and the Assassination of John F. Kennedy," also alleges that Hunt took part in the sniper slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

Scotch on Sundays

LONDON. — The House of Commons has legalized the Sunday operation of pubs in Scotland over strong opposition from the handful of Scottish Nationalist members of Parliament.

"Keep your noses out of our affairs," one of the Scottish Nationalist members angrily shouted after the vote.

The Scottish argument against Sunday opening was that it would make Scotland's drink problem worse. (AP)

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OLYMPIC GAMES



Guy Druet gives victory wave on medals podium after winning the 110-metre hurdle event for France on Wednesday. At right, Cuba's silver medal winner Alejandro Casanas, with Willie Davenport, America's bronze medalist, at left. (AP)

Montreal put iron collar on Games, says IOC chief

MONTREAL. — Montreal has put an iron collar on the Olympics, says the director of the International Olympic Committee, asserting that the Games no longer have any soul.

Monique Berlioux did some blunt talking Wednesday in a television interview, criticizing the Montreal organizing committee and saying the Olympic spirit has gone out the window. "These games have no soul and the Olympic spirit is completely lacking," she said.

Mrs. Berlioux, a former swimmer who competed for France in the 1948 London games, is a salaried official of the I.O.C. and probably reflects the views of many of the 77 members. There are growing fears among them that the Games will never be what they once were.

The grim memories of Munich in 1972, when Arab guerrillas murdered Israeli athletes, haunt Montreal at every corner.

Armed soldiers and security police stand every few metres inside the boundary of the village. Athletes are searched and have their bags opened every time they go in and out. "The athletes are penned up in an iron collar and one doesn't feel the kind of holiday spirit that should prevail at such games," Mrs. Berlioux said. "I preferred the Mexico games in 1968 and the Munich games in 1972, because there you could feel the Olympic spirit."

"In the world of sports you need a bit of anarchy, a bit of freedom," Mrs. Berlioux criticized the organ-

ization of the games. She said COJO, the organizing committee, had done the job of preparing the sites, but added:

"There is no spirit of gaiety and to be blunt, I think that the organization of the games was perhaps not on a par with the building of the sites."

Members of the I.O.C. have complained that there are not enough Olympic flags flying in the city. Everywhere there are Canadian flags and the picturesque flag of Montreal — but scarcely a sign of the Olympic flag with the five interlocking rings symbolizing the five continents.

"This city is Olympia for two weeks," an I.O.C. spokesman said. "The Olympic flag ought to be flying everywhere."

Louis Chantigny, public relations chief for the Montreal Organizing Committee, said he was "bewildered and disappointed" by Mrs. Berlioux's comments.

Chantigny said at a news conference he did not care to compare the Montreal Olympics with those in Mexico City and Munich, as Mrs. Berlioux had done. "We are disappointed that our friends could make such a comment about the people of Montreal, Quebec and Canada," he added.

Asked if Mrs. Berlioux's remarks indicated friction between the I.O.C. and the organizing committee, Chantigny replied: "We have the most cordial relations with the I.O.C."

SECURITY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE TAGS

MONTREAL. — Security precautions at the Olympic Games have now been extended to athletes leaving the country. Identification tags are being perforated before athletes leave for home.

Organizers do not want the tags to fall into the wrong hands and

be used by unaccredited persons to gain entry to Olympic facilities. However, some athletes left with their tags before officials thought of the new security procedure.

All security checkpoints now have a list of countries from which the identification cards are no longer valid. (AP)

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Games hostesses in near revolt over 'sexism'

MONTREAL. — A revolt by Olympic hostesses was avoided yesterday through a quick action by Games officials.

The hostesses were angry over an incident they described as degrading sexism.

Their pay checks this week were accompanied by a letter inviting them to a corn roast at the Olympic Village following Sunday's closing ceremonies. It said they could meet the athletes in an "enriching" experience. The letter, signed by the assistant director of hostesses and guides, also made it clear that the 150 male guides were not invited, and ended with the words "good luck."

Some hostesses threatened to boycott the party unless the guides were also invited. "The letter has the ring of treating us as sex objects," said one hostess. "Sure, we want to meet the athletes. But do they think we're going to run off into the bushes with them?"

One male guide said he and his colleagues were insulted by the letter. But Pierre Plouffe, director of hostesses and guides, said later that the male guides now are welcome to attend. (AP)

Today

TODAY'S EVENTS (Israel time)

- Track and Field
3 p.m. — Men's 110 hurdles, decathlon.
4 p.m. — Men's discus throw, decathlon; Women's 4 x 100 relay heats; Men's high jump qualifying round. Women's shot put qualifying round.
4.45 p.m. — Men's 4 x 100 metre relay heats.
6 p.m. — Men's pole vault, decathlon.
9 p.m. — Men's 4 x 100 relay semifinals; Men's triple jump final.
9.30 p.m. — Men's javelin, decathlon.
9.40 p.m. — Women's 4 x 400 relay heats.
10.20 p.m. — Men's 1,500-metre semi-final.
10.40 p.m. — Women's 4 x 100 metre relay semifinals.
11 p.m. — Men's 4 x 400 relay heats.
11.30 p.m. — Women's 1,500-metre final; Men's 5,000-metre final.
12 midnight — Men's 1,500-metre, decathlon.

Field Hockey
4 p.m. and on — Finals for third to eighth places.

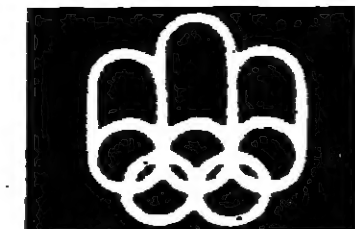
Judo
8 p.m. — Lightweight preliminary rounds; Lightweight repechage and finals.

Wrestling
8 p.m. — Freestyle fourth and fifth rounds. Equestrian
8 p.m. — Grand Prix dressage, individual competition.

Archery
2 p.m. — Men's and Women's 50-metre; Men's and Women's 30-metre.

Volleyball
7 p.m. — Women's finals.

7.30 p.m. — Men's finals.



Reinforced police guard forms background to Israel's hurdler Eshel Roth on Wednesday as she comes on to the track to compete in the 100-metre hurdles semi-final. (AP)

Medals

Medals won at the Olympic Games on Wednesday:
Handball: Men — Soviet Union gold, Rumania silver, Poland bronze. Women — USSR gold, East Germany silver, Hungary bronze.

Yachting: Tornado — Britain gold, U.S. silver, West Germany bronze.

Track and Field: Hammer throw — Yuri Sedya, USSR, gold (77.52m), Alexei Spiridonov, silver, Anatoly Bondarchuk, bronze.

Men's 110-metre hurdles — Guy Druet, France, gold medal (13.30), Alejandro Casanas, Cuba, silver, Willie Davenport, U.S., bronze.

Women's 200-metre: Baerbel Ecker, East Germany, gold (22.37), Annegret Richter, West Germany, silver, Renate Stecher, East Germany, bronze.

Women's high jump: Rosemarie Ackermann, East Germany, gold (1.92m), Sara Simson, Italy, silver, Yordanka Blagova, Bulgaria, bronze.

8,000-metre steeplechase: Anders Garderud, Sweden, gold (8:08.03), Bronislaw Malinowski, Poland, silver, Frank Baumgartl, East Germany, bronze.

Fencing: Women's foil — Soviet Union, gold, France, silver, Hungary, bronze.

Judo: Middleweight: Isamu Sonoda, Japan, gold, Valery Dvornikov, Soviet Union, silver, Youngchul Park, South Korea, bronze, Slavko Obadov, Yugoslavia, bronze. (Two bronzes are awarded in Judo.)

WORLD RECORDS
8,000-metre steeplechase — Anders Garderud, Sweden (8:08.03).

E. German athletes also dominate Olympic track, field events



East Germany stayed in the shadow of the Soviet Union at the top of the Olympics medals table yesterday, their athletic gold collection only two short of their total tally at the 1972 Munich Games.

On Wednesday, the East Germans won their fifth and sixth track and field titles—more than the Russians and the Americans combined. But it was a bitter-sweet victory in the women's 200 metres, when reigning champion Renate Stecher was beaten into third place by teammate Baerbel Ecker and Annegret Richter of West Germany.

The virtually overlooked Miss Ecker, a 21-year-old student majoring in pedagogic psychology, beat some of the world's best women sprinters in what was virtually an all-German event. She bolted into a

quick lead, then held off a strong stretch drive by Mrs. Richter, who barely missed catching her at the finish.

German runners also finished fourth and fifth, Carla Bodendorf of the "Easties" finishing ahead of the 100-metre bronze medalist, Inge Helten of West Germany. The first outsider was sixth-placed Tatiana Provochenko of the USSR.

In a day of backstage dramas — Olympic officials were locked in an unsporting squabble and a Rumanian rower who ran away said he did it for freedom — a string of dazzling track and field performances dominated the 11th day of the games.

The Soviet men made a one-two-three sweep in the hammer contest to help their squad and the day with a total of 33 golds.

Boxers main U.S. hope to pull out of 3rd place



Frank Baumgartl of East Germany sprawls on track after tripping over final hurdle in Wednesday's 8,000-metre race, just as he appeared to be overtaking Sweden's Anders Garderud, who won gold. Baumgartl got up quickly to finish third behind Bronislaw Malinowski of Poland, shown about to leap over the luckless runner. (AP)

By GERARD LOUGHRAN

MONTREAL. — Relegated to an embarrassing third place among world sporting nations following dismal Olympic performances by its track and field stars, the U.S. was literally fighting for its national pride last night.

Seven American boxers squared up against Cuban and East European opponents in an effort to restore their country to the top spot it held as its men swimmers swept gold after gold at the start of the Montreal Games. All seven are certain of medals, bronzes at the least. But they will be fighting for the top awards to close the yawning gold gap that now separates the U.S. from the Soviet Union and East Germany.

After the second straight shut-out day in track and field, the U.S. languished 11 gold medals behind the Soviet Union (33) and eight adrift of East Germany (30). It was not that the East Europeans did startlingly well either — the Soviet Union won one and East Germany two of the five glamour golds up for grabs on Wednesday — but they harvested first places in a series of fringe events such as fencing and handball that do not traditionally come within the American area of strength.

Boxing is the major remaining sport in which the U.S. carries considerable clout. Supporters would like to predict seven golds, but the experts doubt there can be more than four. This will not be enough to close the gap, and unless there is a spectacular resurgence in track and field, the U.S. seems likely to end the XXI Olympiad as nation No. 3 for the first time in the modern history of Olympics.

An example of the American fall from grace came in the men's 110-metre hurdles, which the U.S. has dominated for 44 years. America's Willie Davenport could manage only third place behind France's Guy Druet, first by a nose ahead of Alejandro Casanas of Cuba, a nation which is showing clear signs of increasing athletic strength.

The hurdles loss followed American failure in other areas of traditional dominance — sprints and pole vault.

Syedikh, a 21-year-old giant from Kiev won with a toss of 77.52 metres — the best effort of his career — and an Olympic record. Alexei Spiridonov threw 76.08 metres for the silver medal and the 1972 gold medalist Anatoly Bondarchuk heaved 74.48 metres for the bronze. His throw was better than the one that won at Munich, and he was not altogether out of the gold. The 36-year-old athlete is Syedikh's coach.

The East Germans boosted their gold medal score to 30 by winning the women's high jump with willow-like blond Rosi Ackermann.

The U.S., running a distant third in the league with 22, only narrowly avoided being elbowed out of the athletics awards altogether.

France collected its first men's athletics gold for 20 years by winning the 110 metres hurdles when tall curly-haired Guy Druet became the first non-American in nearly half a century to cross the line first in this event.

In ending U.S. domination of the men's 110-metre hurdles, Druet captured the first Olympic track gold medal for France since 1956.

In a desperately close finish, the 26-year-old Frenchman, who won the silver medal in 1972, edged out Cuban Alejandro Casanas by 3/100ths of a second with a time of 13.30. Willie Davenport, the 1968 champion from the U.S., was third with 13.38.

For the Americans, it was a double slice of humble pie. The bronze they collected through Willie Davenport was their only track and field award of the day.

There were also triumphs for the Scandinavians in the Olympic stadium. Sweden's Anders Garderud scored a world record victory in the 3,000 metres steeplechase in 8:08.03, and Lasse Viren, Finland's legendary wispy-bearded Marathon policeman, set the stage for a unique double.

Five-time world champion Elena Belova celebrated her 29th birthday on Wednesday by leading her Russian teammates to the gold medal in Women's Olympic team foil fencing. France took the silver, the first team medal it has ever won in fencing, and Hungary captured the bronze, its lowest finish ever in this event.

The French were humiliated by the Russians, 9-2, in the finals. Hungary settled for the third place bronze, defeating West Germany, 9-4.

The Soviets captured seven straight bouts, breaking a 1-1 tie. Belova breezed through her three bouts, giving up only three hits. Olga Kniazeva also captured three consecutive bouts for the Soviets.

In other events yesterday, the Soviet Union won both the men and women's handball tournaments, and collected the women's foil team gold in fencing, while Isamu Sonoda of Japan won the Judo middleweight title.

The 20-year-old Rumanian rower who walked out of the Olympics village on Tuesday and caught a bus to stay with relatives in the Canadian-U.S. border city of Niagara Falls said: "I left for freedom."

Walter Lambertus, a student, said he quit the Olympic Village with the help of a Games hostess. He did not name her but the affair was almost certain to be under investigation by the Canadian Organizing Committee (COJO). Immigration officials said Lambertus, who failed to reach the finals of the men's single sculls, had applied to remain in Canada.

The Games organizers have been dismayed by allegations by a senior official of the International Olympic Committee that the Montreal Olympiad has no soul and that COJO has clamped "an iron collar" around the athletes.

A spokesman for the organizers said they were bewildered and disappointed by the criticism, made in interviews given by IOC director Monique Berlioux.

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Team returns, not unduly upset

B-G AIRPORT. — Israel's national soccer squad arrived here from Montreal yesterday after having been knocked out of the Olympic tournament in the quarter-final earlier this week.

The players conceded they were not overjoyed at their showing in Montreal — where they finished sixth in the final placings, ahead of France and North Korea, who were also knocked out in their quarter-final matches. But nor were they unduly upset. The general concern

was that Israel had done well enough to get to Montreal and then go on to make the quarter-finals.

The team was scheduled to return next week, but places were found on an "El Al" flight yesterday after most of the players said they wished to return home early.

Team manager David Schweitzer did not return with the squad, and is staying on in Montreal for tomorrow's football final. (Itim)

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MUSIC COLUMN / Yohanan Boehm

Providing information

TODAY'S IS THE 500TH edition of this column, which first appeared in February, 1982, and it seems a fit occasion for a summing-up of achievement, a declaration of aims for the future, or something of the kind. But we decided that the best celebration would be to continue with what is the main purpose of the feature — the provision of information.

During the past fortnight, we have met Prof. Guenther Theuring, conductor of the Jeunesses Choir of Vienna, which came here to take part in the Israel Festival.

It was in 1959 that Prof. Theuring founded the youth choir which he felt was needed to balance the venerable choral ensembles that form a traditional part of Vienna's rich musical life.

His aim was to fuse perfection in performance with a new, fresh approach to music, and we were able to appreciate how well he achieved it when we heard the young singers as one of the choirs in Mahler's Eighth Symphony and in their own concert which included works by Haydn, Schostakovich and Bernstein.

The Jeunesses Choir — mainly students between the ages of 16 and 30 — is in constant demand by all established orchestras and concert associations, and its repertoire ranges from Bach and Mozart to the writings of contemporary composers.

NONE OF THE "Jeunesses" singers made any difficulties about coming to Israel — as long as they could fly El Al. It was only the families of the boy singers from Vienna who were supposed to join in the Mahler Symphony that objected for security reasons. To save the situation, Ephraim Marcus and his Shalom Choir were approached to fill in the gap. This was only two months before the Festival, but Ephraim immediately started work with his 41 boys and girls from Ramat Hasharon's elementary school. Four rehearsals were held each week, for Marcus had not only to teach them their notes but, more difficult, the pronunciation of the Latin and German words.

He recalls with satisfaction the seriousness with which the kids took to learning how to pronounce the strange double vowel sounds. He described the final rehearsals with the other choirs, the orchestra and the whole apparatus. The stage of the Mann Auditorium was crowded with the decorations for "Oello," so they had to sit spread all over the auditorium, and endless hours were spent in travelling, waiting about and performing. But it was all very exciting, and the results of all that travail were most satisfying, so it was worth it.

Y.B.

AS HE HAS DONE every year for the last 14 years, Rami Shevelov has been holding a chamber music seminar at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot this month, with performances to follow in several places. Founded on a purely local basis, the reputation of the seminar has spread far and wide, and this year Rami had to reject several ensembles from abroad in order to give Israelis an equal chance to participate. No individuals are accepted any more — only ensembles, and this year, they came from Germany, Holland, France and Scotland to join their Israeli friends and colleagues. The main composers represented are Mozart, Beethoven, Seta, Ysaye and Brahms.

A NEW CONDUCTOR from Russia should become a familiar figure on our concert platforms before long. Camilla Koltchinskaya, who arrived here as an immigrant in March, has already conducted four Proms with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, and current negotiations should lead to engagements with the Jerusalem Symphony, the Holon Chamber Orchestra, the Beersheba Orchestra, and — let us hope — the Israel Philharmonic.

Koltchinskaya was born in Moscow and studied at the conservatoire there and in Leningrad. She spent eight years with various orchestras in Moscow, was assistant conductor at the Bolshoi Theatre, and then had another eight years conducting the Yaroslavl Philharmonic in a wide repertoire of symphony, ballet and opera. Full of temperament and optimistic in her outlook, she has high hopes for her future here.

THE ISRAELI FESTIVAL always features a workshop for Israeli composers to try out their imagination (inspiration is too rare to be hoped for). As hardly anybody nowadays composes because he wants to or has an inner urge to do so, these works have to be specially commissioned.

This year, the experiment has gone into the field of opera. Three short operas were commissioned — one from veteran Menahem Avdon, who chose Michael Ohad's version of Hans Andersen's "The Emperor's New Clothes" (a tilt at avant garde music?). Michael Barolsky chose "A Blue Eye and Brown Eye" (after a story by Tzvi Levin-Nur) which is described as "a psychological drama taking place in the soul of the owner of those hetero-coloured eyes, who is torn between her spiritual and carnal desires." Yossi Mar-Haim, known for his unconventional approach, wrote another short opera, based on the Book of Job.

borne by the pianist who stood up unfailingly to the demands. The violinist in all these trios takes second place, but Uri Flanka gave the few solo lines he was allowed all the proper expression and lively emphasis. Cellist Simha Heled deserves a medal for his restraint. A whole programme with scarcely a single solo passage is very hard on such a temperamental artist but he served the ensemble faithfully and contributed well-attuned basses and a few individual passages in perfect balance and execution.

The unsophisticated programme provided all the pleasure needed at the end of a summer season, and the Yuval Trio's spirited performance satisfied everybody.

Y.B.

BIBLICAL BYWAYS / L. L. Rabinowitz

Having to pay for water

WATER RATES, like all other services, are rapidly going up in price, and the problem has become serious enough to prompt Martha Meisels to devote her weekly marketing article, a few weeks ago, to what she called "Water Wisdom" on ways and means to save this increasingly more expensive commodity.

One of the best known metaphors in the whole of rabbinical literature is the one which compares water to the Torah. What water is in the physical world, the essential without which life cannot be sustained, irrigating the parched land and causing the hidden seed to germinate and fructify and yield its produce, so is Torah in the world of the spirit.

The metaphor is apt and beautiful; but the proof verbae adduced by the rabbis is far from clear: "As it is said, 'No one can thirst, go to the water' (Isa. 55.1). Where in this quotation is the equation between water and Torah indicated? It is all the more surprising in view of the fact that later on in the same chapter, there is a beautiful and sustained simile which gives clear expression to it: "For, as the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven and returneth not but watereth the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth from my mouth."

THE EXPLANATION is simple. The word "etcetera" has to be understood after the phrase quoted by the rabbis, and the verse actually continues: "and he that hath no money come ye, buy...without money and without price."

Since it was laid down as an inviolable principle that the Torah had to be provided without charge, the metaphor was perfect. As in the physical world water was available free, so in the spiritual world, was the Torah; ergo, "Water refers to the Torah." That free provision of water is clearly referred to in the Book of Lamentations, which is read this week on Tisha B'Av. The prophet vividly describes the horrors of the destruction of Jerusalem and of the Temple and the hardships which came in its train. And among those incredible sufferings is included the verse, "We have drunk our water for money (5.4). Oh, for a return to those days when it was regarded as the heights of deprivation that one should have to pay water rates. □

PORTION OF THE WEEK

How to take criticism

Sidra: Devarim (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:28)

"TO ALL ISRAEL" — If Moses had reproved only some of them, the others would have said: "If we had been there, we would have had four or five answers for each of the son of Amram's reproaches." So Moses assembled all of Israel, adults and children alike, and told them: "If you have anything to say, say it here and now." This shows that all of them were capable of taking criticism. Rabbi Tarfon said: Nobody in our generation knows how to take criticism. Rabbi Akiva said: Nobody in our generation knows to criticise without embarrassing. Rabbi Yohanan said: Heaven and earth are my witnesses that more than five times I complained to Rabbi Gamliel in Yavneh about Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Gamliel reproved him, yet Rabbi Akiva still loves me, in fulfilment of (Proverbs 9:8): "Do not correct a scolder, for he will hate you; correct a wise man, and he will love you."

If the Israelites had been worthy, they would have entered the Land 11 days after they left Egypt, but because of their misdeeds God caused them to spend 40 years in the wilderness. Rabbi Yehuda says: If they had been worthy, they would have entered the Land within three days. Rabbi Rananah says: Within one day. Abba Yosef ben Hanin says in the name of Abba Eban bar Aba: If the Israelites had been worthy they would have entered the Land as soon as they stepped out of the sea, for it is written (Deuteronomy 1:21): "God your God has laid the Land open before you go up and take possession of it as God the God of your fathers has said to you — do not be afraid (Sifra: Devarim, 1:2).

PESIKTA D'RAV KAHANA comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Isaiah 1:1-27): Why was the Land lost? Because the Jews put the Torah into contempt. God says: Let them even forsake Me, but let them learn and live by the Torah and the light of it will bring them back (see also Echa Rabbati, Petukha 2; Midrash Tehillim 27:8; Vayikra Rabba 22:6).

M.K.

A DIFFERENT BERGMAN

Enjoyment is all

CINEMA

Simson Carlebach

at the audience, we become the camera, a ginger turns to the camera and winks, props move up and down, and soon, all matched to the rhythm of the music. At times, this works magnificently: one bit of music introducing a song is set to the singer peering through the curtain waiting for his entrance, and that works. Bergman plays a lot to the audience, and that doesn't work. Are we supposed to match her responses, or is Bergman merely telling us, "Look, see how she's enjoying it all?"

Bergman isn't giving us a film version of the opera. Using film, he is taking us through an appreciation course, through his appreciation course as to the wonders of the music, the fantasy, the mechanisms of opera in Mozart's time. He's so concerned with drawing our attention to these beautiful things (his props are like Dresden china figurines: buoyant yet delicate, with a toylike fascination, prevalent in Mozart's time, for the automated) that he doesn't devote nearly enough of his talent to the opera itself. The

point is that we don't expect Bergman to point to specific little magics in the opera; we want him to use the opera to create his own magic.

THEATRE and music always played a special part in Bergman's films. The simplest scenes, where an actor in the middle of a bare field would pluck a guitar and make headstands, or in a bare room put on a cloak and juggle with balls, become a world of mystery and magic when Bergman's behind the camera. "The Magic Flute" is Bergman's dedication to the theatre and music which inspired him through all of his career. For twenty years he's been wanting to make it. We know he appreciates and loves it. And he's given us an enjoyable film, almost childlike in its fascination. But critics want artists to wrestle with great works of art, not play with them.

Bergman shows us how to enjoy the opera, the music, while its meaning is left to fend for itself. Enjoyment, however, is only the door to meaning. The viewer still doesn't know for instance, whether the opera is a romance or

philosophy, or both. "The Magic Flute" happens to be one of the silliest librettos in all German opera, tied to some of the loveliest music. The writers didn't know what they were doing, and so did whatever it was they were doing with unbelievable pretentiousness. Thus Bergman is able to get away with however he chooses to handle the libretto. Enjoyment, he seems to be saying, is all, and this is quite a departure from the Bergman we're used to.

A craving for sun

IT OCCURS TO ME

Hadassah Bat Haim



that even those who never leave it can sunbathe, they explain that the atmosphere is different here. At home too much sun is regarded with suspicion: The British, unlike ourselves, are not given to excesses, and temperatures that soar to torrid heights are taken as an omen of something terrible to come (losing the Test match, perhaps). Anyway, the United Kingdom is not geared to cope with a tropical climate. Nobody has enough suitable clothing, open air pools put up "a.r.o." notices and rain, once a daily nuisance, is like a distant dream.

Remembering Manchester and picturing it sweltering and airless instead of cowering under storms of sleet falls to awake in me any nostalgia. The sun is much nearer when it is not filtered through a layer of smog and gives a more authentic tan.

The one other interest they have is in shopping. They return to their parents with suitcases full of requests: packets of soup, herring salad, green lemon jelly, instant hummus and large jars of honey. There are plenty of bees still in England, they assure me in answer to my query, but they have not drawn their sweetness from Israeli blossoms and this gives it a delectable flavour that cannot be duplicated. On hearing this, I add home-cooked marmalade made from a neighbour's oranges to their store. The idea is to get them so hooked on native products that eventually they will have to settle here to satisfy their cravings.

PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES

STAMP COLUMN

Harvey Wolinetz

ON AUGUST 17, along with the new Festival stamps and the latest stamp in the Israel Landscapes series, a series of 10 pictorial aerogrammes — promoting tourism to Israel — will go on sale at selected post offices in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam, Haifa, Safad, Arad, Nahariya, Ashkelon, Nazareth and Eilat.

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Pictorial aerogrammes have been printed under licence of the Ministry of Communications since 1968. This will be the first time, however, that

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The earlier aerogrammes, whose only claim as an official philatelic item was that they were printed under Government licensing, were used to publicize such items as Jaffa oranges, the Dan Hotels, Hadassah Hospital and tourist attractions around the country.

Unfortunately, the philatelic interest in this unique event (no future issues are now contemplated for sale through the post office, has been totally overlooked. No provision has been made to enable collectors to obtain first day cancellations on these aerogrammes. Unless one can get to

each of the 10 participating cities plus some of those handling the general aerogrammes, he will be left with a gaping hole in his collection.

A possible solution would be for stamp clubs in the various cities to obtain a supply of the aerogrammes of their own city and then trade with other clubs. It should also be noted that the total number of aerogrammes to be sold through the post office in each city is very limited. The figures are as follows: Jerusalem — 20,000; Tel Aviv — 25,000; Bat Yam — 5,000; Haifa — 15,000; Safad — 5,000; Arad — 10,000; Nahariya — 5,000; Ashkelon — 5,000; Nazareth — 5,000; Eilat — 5,000; and for the two general aerogrammes, 70,000. They will be available at all branches that have philatelic counters.

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A Christian moshav in the Judean Hills Remembering the eight

By JUDAH BAVIV
Special to The Jerusalem Post

— FINLAND 1942 —

IN THE DARK days of 1942, Heinrich Himmler boarded a train running between Helsinki and eastern Finland. His objective: the 3000 Jews who had been granted political asylum by the government of that country before the outbreak of World War II.

Somewhere along the way as the specially guarded train careened through the open countryside, agents of the Finnish secret service somehow got access to Himmler's briefcase. Among the documents found was a name list of the Jews who had reached Finland. Himmler wanted them.

Photographing the secret documents, these agents communicated their contents to the Finnish government and to Marshal Karl Gustav Mannerheim, Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish army. The kind of Heinrich Himmler who had deemed the mission of such importance as to come himself, not trusting to an emissary — became quite clear: to take two thousand Jews back to Germany where they could be disposed of silently and discreetly.

Realizing rightly that the Finns would never acquiesce to the Nazi "ideals" of genocide (Finland's only real tie with Germany was its somewhat strained relationship as an ally against the common foe of Russia), Himmler came prepared with claims that the two thousand Jews were wanted criminals.

The Finnish government, however, had done its homework. Brought up to date with the information provided by its intelligence services, Himmler's true objectives and shabby lies were seen through both quickly and easily. Among the 2000 names on Himmler's shopping list of "wanted criminals" were many children.

The Finns stalled for time. Himmler became disappointed. Then frustrated. Then threatened to impose — and did — sanctions on Finland and moved to blockade its ports. The Finns continued to stall. Himmler went home.

Almost a year passed before the then Finnish Minister of Interior gave in to the pressure of the Nazis. Acting on his own without the knowledge or consent of his government, he passed an order down to the State Chief of Police to the effect that 80 Jews were to be arrested and turned over to the Nazis, to placate Himmler.

Tanner, the then Foreign Minister, however, got wind of the act at the last minute along with General Mannerheim. Rushing to the docks, the Finnish authorities arrived in time to find the 80 under lock and awaiting embarkation. Eight were already aboard ship. For these, it proved too late. The remaining 72 were quickly snatched back and saved.



Children of Yehudim

Yad Ha-Shemona was founded only two years ago when less than 20 men, women and children from Finland reached the hilltop site to carve a new home in a new Israel.

The secretary of this tiny, but extremely industrious community is a blond and blue-eyed young man by the name of Pentti Holi. He told us the story of Yad Ha-Shemona.

"We believe," he said, "in the Messianic vision and what is written in the Scriptures:

"Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, ... even them will I bring to my holy mountain (Isaiah 56: 6-7).

"We came here," he continued, "not only so as not to be found wanting in the day of the Lord, but to make amends for what happened in 1942 when eight of your people were handed over to the Nazis."

Taking a worn and folded scrap of paper from his pocket, he handed me the names of the eight. "You may copy this if you wish," he said, "but I must have it back."

These were the eight:

1. Elias Kopelowky of Latvia. age 60
2. Georg Kollman of Austria. age 29
3. Yanko Kollman (his wife) age 32
4. Franz Kollman (his son) age 1
5. Heinrich Huppert of Austria age 45
6. Kurt Huppert (his son) age 11
7. Hans Korn of Austria age 23
8. Hans Seybelski of Germany age 35

Leaving out the heart of a work

MRACER PLEASURE was to be found in Bat-Dor's new programme at the Jerusalem Theatre on Tuesday evening, despite the great quantity of well-rehearsed motions in works by well-known choreographers.

The company was at its best in Miral Sharon's "Prism," a non-objective composition to an appropriately abstract score by Marc Koppelman. Their clean, cool style of performing was well-suited to this exploration of design. Angular, vigorous motions travelled from one figure to another. Miriam Zamir and David Dvir competently led the group in this visual étude.

Doris Humphrey's "Shakers" did not fare as well. This piece from 1931 stands as a fine example of early modern dance: its impressions of a religious sect develop into a steadily mounting crescendo of ecstatic religious fervor. Bat-Dor gave it a mechanical, somewhat jerky, robot-like interpretation, totally failing to find a way to express the central emotional conviction. Since the dancers remained essentially uninvolved, "Shakers" came off like a

DANCE

Joan Cass

quaint museum piece. It was questionable enough having American pioneers call out their confessions in Hebrew, but inexcusable to allow this in thin, unimpressive voice tones.

"According to Eve" was John Butler's vision of "the tragedy of Cain and Abel as seen through the eyes of Eve, the passionate bystander. An audience to the first jealousy, the first anger and ultimately the first death." If there was any hint of primitive discovery (as emphasized in the programme note by the repetition of the word "first" or any passion, jealousy or anger in Butler's choreography, there wasn't a trace in the polite, staid performances of Jeannette Ordman, Igal Berdichevsky and David Rapoport. Butler may have been unfairly treated, and he himself has expressed a fear of this very result: "The danger (in leaving his works with companies and not supervising the

rehearsals) is that the ballet master may take something out — the heart. The dances can be made so neat, so clear that all of the guts are gone, all of the attack, the style, the bite." That certainly seems to have happened this time.

Butler's second contribution to this programme "Black Angel," came off a little better, with weighty forceful projections by Yehuda Maor, Sally-Anne Friedland and Ross Philip. However, this view of a diabolical cult was both obscure and repetitive and lacked both the drama and the insight that might have justified its length.

Paul Taylor's short, humorous "3 Eptaphs" provided the only real pleasure of the evening, as its five flabby, ungainly figures alighted around the stage in near-sighted bewilderment. The audience expressed its appreciation for "3 Eptaphs" by laughter through it and warm applause afterwards. Shouldn't careful thought be given to the choice of each particular number and also the total effect of an entire programme with the aim of pleasing the viewers even more?

Failing to get the measure of Montreal

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

THE ISRAELI TV TEAM in Montreal laboured long hours for our delight, although perhaps they did not have it as hard as we did, since they were putting in those prodigious hours of taskwork during normal working hours, while we were doing our overtime along with the owls and other creatures of the post-midnight world. Still, they deserve hearty congratulations for their immense efforts.

Having given them this pat on the back with one hand, I must now deliver a swift kick to the jaw with the other. It is curious to complain, but the service was woefully inadequate. Our people were simply not good enough to bring the Montreal bowl into our homes, because they had not had the necessary special training to serve as sports commentators on great occasions. It is not their fault; somebody in the Television House administration should have realized that the team should have been sent on a course beforehand to the BBC or NBC or CBS or somewhere, to learn about TV sports commentating.

As the days passed, they improved considerably in some respects: they mastered the intricacies of the jaw-breaking East European names, and rattled these off with fluency that left us gasping. By the end, they also had at their fingertips, all the relevant information about previous records and performances.

What they failed to do was take us to Montreal, to enable us to identify with the agonies and triumphs of the sportmen; they also did not analyze scientifically what was happening. To get these kinds of effects we had to turn to the BBC's English radio commentary.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH to say in a race, "Wilhelm is leading. Pierre is lying second. Pamugusto is third. The champion is back in sixth place, now Pamugusto has gone into second place," etc., etc., etc. This is television, not radio — we can see these things for ourselves. What we need is an explanation of why Pierre is content in second, a reminder that the champion relies on a terrific final sprint and can still beat them all, and so on.

We got a taste of what I mean when Carlos Lopes, leading in the 10,000 metres, looked back, not at Lasse Viren just behind him, but at Brendan Foster a long way behind in third place, and our commentator said, "This means he's settling for the silver." A very shrewd stroke of intuition, indeed, but we should have had similar interpolations all the time. Reeling off the times taken on laps is not commentary; such information can be provided pictorially.

So too with the soccer. For radio it is very important to say, "Yitzhak's got the ball, he passes to Ya'akov, Ya'akov lays on a perfect pass for Giulio, the opposition centre-forward." We don't need this in a television commentary, we can see it for ourselves.

The commentator should be telling us the objectives and strategy of the moves, what Ya'akov was hoping to do, what the players are trying to achieve, if anything.

EVEN MORE SERIOUS is the cold detachment of our commentators, even when Israelis are involved.

GALLERY GUIDE/Haifa

NISSAN ENGEL presents an entirely new style employing acrylics. The note is set by the two larger paintings, which consist of a low-toned check design. The second is the more important for his general approach, since, in a brighter yellow and framed in green and black, it forms a chessboard bearing two chessmen.

This conception serves as a basis for his main exhibits, viz. the small canvases which, on the whole, are better finished. To the two motifs mentioned is added a third: collaged newspaper of stock-

market prices and scraps of manuscript.

Apart from a couple of possible instances, Engel concerns himself solely with artistic permutations. For example, one collage is backed by purple and green check; in another, red and green are dominated by an outsize white bishop.

Much of Engel's colour is very vivid and it is hard to grasp why he is often impelled to dull the design by covering it with a thin layer of transparent paper. (Goldman's Gallery).

E. Harris

Science and Pharaoh's dream

THE SEVEN (at years and the seven lean years of Pharaoh's dream may have a scientific explanation, according to Professor Joseph Oterman of the Environmental Sciences Department at Tel Aviv University. Research done on the basis of pictures from the Landsat satellite shows that cycles of cattle and sheep grazing affect plant life, and consequently climatic conditions, in desert areas. Contrary to the popular belief that desert plant life is made possible by rainfall, Prof. Oterman's research points to the possibility that the cause and effect relationship may be reversed.

When plant life is destroyed by over-grazing, the white ground reflects sunlight and is not warmed sufficiently to produce rain clouds. On the other hand, in areas where plant life is dense, sunlight is absorbed and rainfall results. In satellite pictures taken of the Negev and Sinai, areas with dense plant life appeared as grey.

Prof. Oterman explained that the cycle of sheep reproduction is seven years. Thus, over-grazing, which destroys plant life, can produce "seven lean years" when plant life increases again and rainfall resumes.

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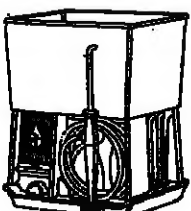
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Defending the Israelite conquest of Canaan

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

INTELLECTUAL bias colours a scholarly theory on how the Israelites penetrated Canaan in the Biblical era, writes archaeologist Yigael Yadin in an article that appears in a volume due to be published soon by the American Schools of Oriental Research.

The theory, held by the German scholar Albrecht Alt and his followers, denies the account in the Book of Joshua of Israelite military conquest and attributes to a still-unknown people the solidly proved behind the raising of Hazor and other Canaanite strongholds in the 13th century BCE.

Ranged against this school of thought is the view of the late American scholar, William Foxwell Albright, who upholds the basic historicity of the Bible, an opinion which Yadin defends in his paper.

The article is based on an address delivered at a conference in Jerusalem last year marking the 75th anniversary of the American Schools, a U.S.-based academic body which maintains a number of research centres in the Middle East.

Yadin, whose name has more recently figured in the news as a fresh personality on Israel's political scene, told The Post that Alt and his school were motivated not by anti-Semitic bias but by a reluctance to acknowledge the Israelites as warriors of the calibre required to overcome heavily fortified Canaanite cities.

Their assumption is that any people but the Israelites conquered and set these cities to the torch. Evidence of conflagration and destruction at Late Bronze sites has been uncovered by archaeologists in various parts of the country.

To account for the Israelite settlement, the Alt school postulates a gradual and peaceful penetration of Canaan by semi-nomadic Israelite shepherds, who only at a much later "expansionist" stage engaged in isolated and not always successful skirmishes with the Canaanites.

THE ALT SCHOOL files in the face of archaeological evidence which supports the Biblical account of a astonishing degree, says Yadin. He writes: "The Biblical narrative, in broad lines, tells us that at a certain period, the nomad Israelites attacked the city-states' organization of the Holy Land and

destroyed many of its cities, setting them on fire, and slowly but surely replacing them with new fortified cities or settlements to start with: at the same time, they were unable to dislodge certain cities which continued to live side by side with the new invaders.

As I said, this description — leaving out the words Canaanite or Israelite — is exactly the picture which the archaeological finds present to us: a complete system of fortified cities collapsed, to be replaced by a new culture or which the material aspect can well be defined as the first efforts of semi-nomads or nomads to settle down.

If such is the case, one may well ask why, or how, it is that notwithstanding such clear evidence there are eminent archaeologists and historians who deny this amazing conformity and are trying to submit different interpretations of either the historical narrative or the archaeological finds, or both.

To do that, alas, one has to analyse also the personal approach and starting points of some of these scholars (all scholars, in fact all of us, are only human and consciously or subconsciously our approaches are influenced by initial bias).

In developing their theory, Yadin continues, Alt and similarly disposed scholars ignore the fundamental weakness of the Canaanite cities at that period. These once-powerful strongholds were ripe for conquest and it needed no special technology on the part of the Israelites to accomplish it. Egyptian annals tell of periodic punitive expeditions to rebellious Canaanite towns who had failed to pay tribute, and the Egyptians saw to it that the destroyed fortifications were not rebuilt.

Archaeology has revealed little reconstruction of city walls in the Late Bronze period: earlier fortifications either continued in use or were patched up.

The weapons which the Bible attributes to the Israelites are similar to those depicted in ancient Egyptian paintings — swords, axes, or bows and arrows which either made or plundered. They scaled the wall — now no longer very high — by means of ladders. What was needed, and brought into play, Yadin told The Post, was not technical skill, but courage.

IN MEMORIAM

LEVI GERTNER, who died earlier this month, was a man of principle and morality who did not moralize or use principle for his own sake. He was a man of great erudition, correct but not legalistic. He was loved by all who knew him.

He was a man of foresight who had organizational ability. As the central figure in the creation and administration of the 16 Jewish Day Schools which came under the aegis of the Zionist Federation Education Trust, it was he who made the vision of Jewish education in Great Britain into a reality.

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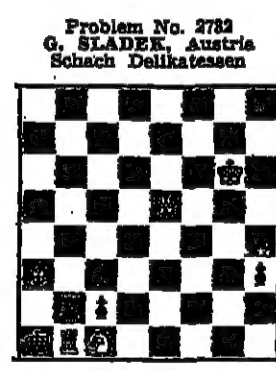
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HOLES IN THE VAT

IT IS NOW a month since the introduction of the Value Added Tax and its success is far from assured. It is no secret that VAT was put into effect after several postponements in the full knowledge that it was far from adequately prepared. The Treasury acted in the belief that it was best to plunge in and start with the new tax, imperfect as it might have been, in the expectation that a shakedown of a few months would whip it into shape. In any case the Treasury sorely needed the revenue.

The Treasury was aware of some of the problems which would confront the new tax administrators, but other pitfalls have come as a surprise. The major criticism of the imposition of VAT revolved around the authorities' failure to ensure that the myriad producers, distributors, middlemen and retailers, who were supposed to be the tax collectors, actually keep books. This precondition for success was not met and the critics were correct. It is not at all clear how much tax money actually collected from buyers in the wake of the general price rise which accompanied VAT will eventually be passed on to the Treasury.

A case in point is that of the grocers who are now threatening a country-wide strike if forced to keep books. Their plea that they are intellectually unable to keep books is ludicrous in the extreme and can be construed only as a bare-faced attempt to extend widespread income tax evasion practices to the new tax. Shopkeepers who are mathematically illiterate to the extent of being unable to keep books on such a simple tax as the VAT should look for a different occupation.

The same is true of the Arab merchants in the administered areas. The economy of these areas has in effect become integrated with the Israeli economy, and their prosperity is largely, if not entirely, due to this. Some of the sharpest business minds in the world are to be found in the shops of the Old City of Jerusalem, Nablus and the other Arab towns and it would be economic folly and an invitation to economic anarchy if businesses there were to continue to be exempt from the tax. One may expect a political outcry against the imposition of VAT there, and an appeal to world opinion, but the Government and the Treasury must remain steadfast in their determination to impose VAT in the territories from this Sunday.

While it is reasonable to expect that these problems will be overcome in the shakedown of the VAT, two more serious problems have unexpectedly cropped up. The cumulative demoralization of the middle level tax administrators has not been overcome. VAT is being administered in its crucial, initial stage by officials who are working under protest in accordance with emergency orders. It is highly improbable that such a delicate task as the administration of a new tax can long continue in such fashion.

Worse is the fact that the expected cooperation of the public has failed to materialize. It is unfortunate that a largely cynical public has long since given up hope for the fair and forceful implementation of taxes, and could not care less what eventually happens with the eight per cent or more they are being charged. This is the direct outgrowth of the Treasury's failure to fully implement the highly touted income tax reform.

Perhaps the greatest failure of VAT to date, and the one that bodes the most ill for the future, is that it was introduced before any visible progress had been made in overcoming widespread income tax evasion among the self-employed and in the business community, the two sectors which are charged with collecting VAT.

BRITAIN SHOWS THE WAY

BRITAIN'S MOVE in severing diplomatic relations with the Idi Amin regime in Uganda in the wake of its role in the Entebbe hijacking and the murder of Mrs. Dora Bloch is a welcome indication of a return of a modicum of sanity to the conduct of international relations.

The British Government's declaration to Parliament that it has no conflict with the people of Uganda is a reiteration of Israel's position. One can appreciate the intense sensitivity of the people of Uganda and of the peoples and leaders of Black Africa to any infringement of their hard-won independence.

One suspects that these same leaders are aware of the great dangers to the status and integrity of the states of Black Africa that derive from the continuation in power of such emotionally unstable leaders as Idi Amin or Gaddafi of Libya. The problem is always how to translate such general awareness into political action. In this regard the British demarche should be taken by others as a welcome guide.

Dry Bones



VIEWPOINT

Marriage is not a personal matter

By Simon A. Dolgin

IS MARRIAGE a personal matter or is it of societal concern? Need we approve the marriage of any two consenting adults? If so, why marriage licenses, registration, ceremonies, divorces? Let two persons live together and arrange any contractual agreement they wish. Why interfere with mixed marriages, homosexual marriages, incestuous marriages?

Since no one has yet suggested the abolition of marriage registration and divorce courts, we apparently do regard marriage as more than a private matter. It is of concern to the state and to society, and it should therefore conform to the norms the state deems to be in its best interest. The state need not seek accommodation or alternatives for marriages that are inimical to its value-interests.

Any mixed marriage contracted in another country may be registered with the Ministry of Interior. Yet the proponents of civil marriage do not generally advocate that the Israeli authorities license mixed marriages. Because homosexual marriages may be recognized in Wisconsin does not oblige Illinois to consent to this performance within its boundaries. For a brother and sister who wish to marry in a society where this is regarded as incest there is no accommodation.

IF THERE IS NO religious commitment, what reason is there to be a Jew, to perpetuate the Jewish people, to establish a Jewish State? Unless there is religious imperative to be a Jew, the individual will ultimately assimilate, as he has done down the ages. True, intensive religious commitment is reserved for the few. But the vast circle around them, kept within the gravitational pull of the committed, must also evolve some regard for that commitment, in society, if not in their personal lives. Even if the state is secular, even if the vast majority of Jews are personally unobservant, the texture of the Jewish people as determined by its religious fabric does not become less vital. Jewish religious values and the Jewish people interact and affect each other, and the ignoring of these values can only be destructive.

Nor do numbers determine the Jewish norm. The prophet was alone, yet he — in his religious commitment — set the standard. The multitudes around him accepted his word or disappeared as Jews. While anyone born a Jew is, indeed, a Jew, anyone who seeks to remove Jewish

religious commitment from its role in Jewish society, is bound to lead to defection from the Jewish people. Every movement in Jewish history that deviated from the religious norm — including the highly intellectual but secularly oriented Haskala movement — expired in due course.

He who wishes the Jewish people or the Jewish state to offer alternatives or accommodation in place of its standards is demanding more than is rightfully his. I have counseled young couples who wished to intermarry and who resented the stubbornness of unreasonable parents who interfered in their lives. I pointed out to them that their lives were also their parents' lives, and that it was their duty to consider the tragedy they were bringing upon their parents.

IF THE JEWISH PEOPLE is to continue, it must have adherents who honour its commitments. A marriage between a kohen and a divorcee differs from the one between a Jew and a non-Jew only in degree, not in kind. Both disregard the foundation of the Jewish people: the peculiarity of priestly status of the kohen and of the mamlechet kohanim, the kingdom of priests.

If individual Jews choose to violate these laws, they ought not, morally, ask Jewish society to legalize their violation. Love and happiness are important; Jewry and Jewishness are no less so.

SOME POINTS raised in the two articles on Civil Marriage in *The Jerusalem Post Magazine* of July 2, call for clarification. Jewish law is not complicated. While the marriage of a kohen and divorcee is prohibited, once contracted it is valid, and a Jewish divorce is required before either party can remarry. This is true for other prohibited marriages except for adulterous or incestuous unions, which are considered null and void. The appeal for "bending with the wind" is spurious. Even bending has its limitations. A great bend is a break and is not the "surest method of survival," but of demise. Rabbinic, including those of our day, have always sought ways of "bending" within the confines of survival, but they must reject such "bending" that could break the backbone of the Jewish People.

This is no "quibbling over legalities." Intermarriage can also be regarded as "quibbling" and to some, even homosexual marriage. The marriage of the kohen and divorcee in violation of Halacha is but a first step toward the other marriages which today may be rejected but which will be accepted in the "winds of change." And then, there is little doubt that world Jewry, Judaism, and the Jewish state will also go to the winds.

Chancellor Schmidt's "gaffe" in revealing a Western agreement to withhold aid from Italy if the Communists enter the Rome Government, has unleashed latent French hostility towards Germany. And former Premier Michel Debre struck a responsible chord when he warned that a resurgent Germany is a potential menace. JACK MAURICE reports from Paris.

Schmidt ires French

LATENT SUSPICION and hostility towards Germany has exploded in France following Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's clumsy disclosure of an agreement between the U.S. and the major Common Market powers to refuse economic aid to Italy if the Communists enter the government.

Schmidt revealed that the decision to withhold aid from the Italian Communists was taken at last month's Puerto Rico summit meeting by Presidents Ford and Giscard, British Premier James Callaghan, and himself in June.

The French left has been particularly vocal in condemning Schmidt for interfering in the internal affairs of a European partner. It was a rare occasion for the Communist and Socialists, so often at loggerheads over foreign policy, to find themselves in agreement. But, with the exception of the middle-of-the-road Democratic Centre Party, the government majority preferred to cover its embarrassment with silence.

Francois Mitterrand, First Secretary of the Socialist Party, voiced the prevailing view among politicians of all persuasions when he said: "It requires a lot of impudence to believe that the people of Western Europe will agree to be held on the leash of a new Holy Alliance for long. I would be glad to know the views of the French Government on this affair which shows, at any rate, that national independence depends on economic independence."

Roland Leroy, editor of the Communist Party's "L'Humanite," and a Politburo member, said in a radio broadcast: "This strengthens the will of the Communists in France to rally together all patriots who are concerned about national independence, so that the French and other peoples will have the right and ability to choose their own destiny."

THE DIE-HARD Gaullist newsletter "La Lettre de la Nation," which makes a practice of being politely hostile to President Giscard, said: "Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has missed a golden opportunity to keep his mouth shut. Things which can be left unsaid do not always gain from being uttered."

In an official communique issued by the Elysee Palace, President Giscard let it be known that he "disapproved" of Schmidt's remarks. But he did not deny taking part in the restricted summit session at Puerto Rico, from which Italy's caretaker Premier Aldo Moro was excluded, or sharing the viewpoint of his American and British colleagues on how to handle a request for aid from the Italian Communists.

The Schmidt "gaffe," as it is called here, coincided almost to the day with the first anniversary of the



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Helsinki conference at which 33 states undertook not to interfere in each other's domestic affairs.

This agreement has rarely been respected by the signatories. The ink was scarcely dry when East Germany signed a friendship treaty authorizing the Soviet Union to intervene on its territory if the Russians considered the conquest of Communism were threatened.

The Western powers soon showed they were not to be outdone by the Communists. They linked economic aid to Portugal with renunciation by Lisbon of the blandishments of revolution. With more than a passing glance at France and Italy, President Ford and Gen. Alexander Haig, Nato Commander-in-Chief, warned that America would take a dim view of Communist membership in Western European governments.

THE INEPTITUDE of Schmidt's admissions was equalled by his poor timing. For the Puerto Rico decisions to have had any impact, they ought to have been published before, instead of after, the Italian elections. The publication now bears the stamp of ridicule since the possibility of the Communists joining a new Italian Government are now non-existent.

The major Western powers were surely aware at Puerto Rico that there was something illogical in refusing to help Italy's Communists, who make no secret of their desire to free themselves from the yoke of Moscow. After all, the U.S. is channelling aid to the Communist regimes of Rumania and Yugoslavia and is openly flirting with China.

The feeling here is that Schmidt's revelations reflect his concern over the political climate in his own country. In order to disarm his opponents in the Federal Republic, he has not hesitated to join in the same anti-Communist chorus as the Gaullists and its leader, Franz-Josef Strauss. When Schmidt speaks of Italian Communists, "it is easy to substitute 'German extremists'."

General De Gaulle's former Prime Minister Michel Debre, who still keeps the standard of Gaullism flying although most of the government majority have forsaken it, has drawn attention to the risks for France of a powerful, loud-mouthed Germany as personified by Chancellor Schmidt.

Writing in "Le Monde" Debre, who has never forgiven Schmidt for criticizing De Gaulle's high-handed treatment of his Communist Market partners, said: "Once again we can sense the coarseness of the German leaders when they are sure of themselves."

He asserted that the Common Market Commission would be facing an uphill fight in order to prevent the creation of a new European steel cartel under German hegemony. He added: "The silence of all the other governments, without exception, is a sad commentary on the respect enjoyed by the country which is now the richest in Europe."

"The country which can lead to other nations, which feed the European Community's budget, makes its partners tremble."

Debre warned that it would be foolish to dismiss the challenge of a new German cartel by arguing that a divided Germany was no longer a danger. A high birth rate compared with France's flagging population increase, a passion for hard work, a solid industrial base, a strong and stable currency all combined to make Germany a potential menace to its neighbors.

De Gaulle's devoted lieutenant doubted the strength of the other European countries together to deter an ambitious and aggressive Germany. He said: "Can we already see Europe's indifference towards the deep-rooted peril which rises from the Mediterranean, because France is not capable of rousing its partners? Italy is busy with its internal problems. Spain is still excluded and Germany has no commercial ambitions in the Mediterranean and the Near East."

Debre has always been a firebrand; even De Gaulle had to restrain his pen as a voice. But Debre's warnings have struck a number of painfully familiar chords in France. He has given his compatriots some powerful arguments to ponder.

READERS' LETTERS

JERUSALEM SPORTS STADIUM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The proposed construction of a 15,000 million sports stadium in Jerusalem would be a bit more reasonable if a perfectly fine stadium did not already exist practically unused in the heart of Jerusalem. I wonder if the donors and public bodies who built the Hebrew University stadium are satisfied with the numbers of spectators and athletes enjoying the University stadium during the year?

As one completely dedicated to the introduction of new sports facilities in Israel and exploitation of existing ones, I earnestly suggest that everyone involved think a moment before rushing ahead to spend funds and desperately need to spread sport

and education in Jerusalem, in order to build another potential white elephant, similar to those of Ramat Gan and Givat Ram.

J. PRAVER

Tel Aviv.

The Jerusalem Municipality replies: As the capital of Israel and its largest city, Jerusalem has long needed a stadium suitable for regular and international sports events.

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had built the stadium with contributions from a donor who had stipulated that no matches could take place there on the Sabbath. Moreover, the location of the stadium and its amenities were not suited to the city's requirements.

Only after investigating all the alternatives without finding a suitable one was it decided to plan and build the stadium at Shuafat. This stadium, which the city urgently needs and which will be built shortly, will enable Jerusalem to play host to league games and international matches under appropriate conditions.

RAFI DEVARA, Spokesman Jerusalem.

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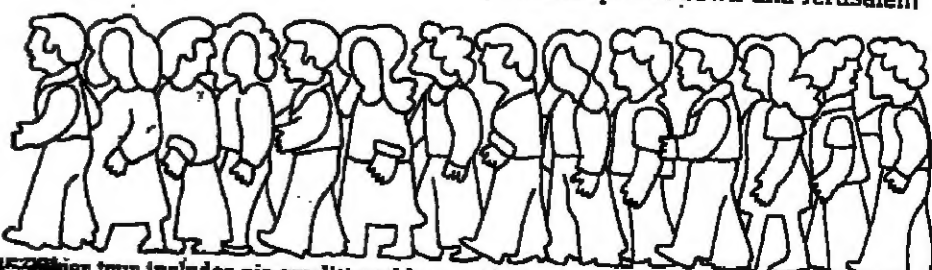
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